

Shamir warns Kohl ties may be harmed

Jerusalem Post Staff

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will meet this morning for a final round of talks before Kohl leaves for home at noon. The topic that has dominated their talks during Kohl's five-day visit, the West German-Saudi Arabia arms deal, will be raised again by Shamir in this concluding meeting.

Shamir has impressed upon Kohl repeatedly Israel's total objection to any such deal with Saudi Arabia, and has gone so far as to tell the West German leader bluntly that if the arms sales go through, it cannot fail to have implications for the relations between Jerusalem and Bonn.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the German government spokesman, Peter Bönisch, who said that the terrible events of Auschwitz should not be exploited for political issues, Bonn extended sufficient aid to Israel when Israel was in need and the charges against Bonn by Israel are neither fair nor justified, Bönisch said.

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Mertes, who is the ranking member in Kohl's party, told the journalists that Bonn would certainly take this dissemination of weapons into account when setting the terms for selling arms to Saudi Arabia. Bonn will want to make sure that West German arms do not leave Saudi Arabia, he explained.

But the senior West German government official reiterated at the same time that Bonn cannot allow the past to affect present West German interests and that the sale of arms to the Saudis was in his country's interest.

Mertes thus echoed a statement on Thursday by West German government spokesman Peter Bönisch who said that the terrible events of Auschwitz should not be exploited for political issues. Bonn extended sufficient aid to Israel when Israel was in need and the charges against Bonn by Israel are neither fair nor justified, Bönisch said.

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West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl tours the Temple Mount in Jerusalem yesterday, accompanied by Moslem leaders. (Yitzhak Harari)

U.S. plans for Jordan rapid strike unit still on

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials have notified the Israeli government of their intention to revive plans for the Jordanian rapid deployment strike force, and to strengthen Jordan's air defence capabilities by selling it \$40 million worth of Stinger missiles.

The Americans have been exerting strong pressure on Israel to quietly go along with the strike force package — valued at over \$250 million.

U.S. funding would be part of a Defence Department supplemental budget, rather than of foreign aid legislation. U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel and most other countries is part of the foreign aid bill.

Israeli officials are anxious to avoid a full-scale confrontation with the Reagan administration during this presidential election year. "We don't want another AWACS fight," said one Israeli official referring to the 1981 battle over advanced surveillance aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

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Two suspects arrested at Kahane meeting TNT link presumed in foiled al-Aksa attack

By MICHAEL EILAN
and ROBERT ROSENBERG

Security forces investigating a thwarted attack on the Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock early Friday morning are treating the case as part of their inquiries into attacks attributed to the unidentified terrorist group known as TNT.

Last night, police arrested two men at a Saturday evening Bible lesson with Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane, apparently in connection with the plot. It is reported, Kahane said that at 10 p.m., eight plainclothes detectives entered Kach offices on Rehov Ussishkin in Jerusalem and checked the identity cards of all 40 persons present before arresting two of them.

Eighteen IDF-military grenades were found in and near the mosque plaza, together with over five kilograms of explosives. The ammunition was found after wafk (moslem trusteeship) guards discovered two men climbing over the eastern wall of the mosque compound near the Golden Gate compound at 2 a.m.

The amount of explosives and grenades indicated that the men were planning what police described as a "large-scale" attack

— possibly timed to coincide with Friday prayers, when the mosque area is usually full.

The policemen charged with investigating previous attacks attributed to TNT have been co-opted into a larger team investigating the latest attempt. The military police are helping to trace the IDF grenades.

TNT is an organization said to comprise Jews involved in a number of hostile acts against Moslems and Christians.

Police noted last night that no one had called either them or the news media to claim responsibility for the incident. But one Jerusalem police source said that such an attempt on the mosque would "without a doubt" cause the investigation into TNT to be intensified.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg last night strongly condemned the attempted attack, saying that it "contravened the basic principles of the state."

Burg promised that the police will "spare no effort" to catch the plotters, and that extra security for the Temple Mount area will be considered.

The Jerusalem Mufti Sa'ad e-Din Alami last night sent a telegram protesting the attack to Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Mayor Teddy Kollek is scheduled to call on Alami today.

The attempted attack was discovered by wafk guards who heard suspicious sounds from the eastern wall of the compound, which is also the eastern wall of the Old City. They called the police, who arrived on the scene with large forces.

Police found a box of army grenades and several knapsacks stuffed with explosives. Some of the ammunition was found inside the mosque compound, and some outside, under the walls. The men were apparently surprised by the wafk guards while moving the ammunition into the compound.

Outside the walls, police found a collapsible aluminum ladder, which the men apparently used to scale the outside wall.

The pair managed to escape without a trace. Police said that it was impossible to track them because of the rainstorm that hit the city at the time.

Yesterday morning, civilians walking in the area found three more grenades inside a canvas army water canteen holder. These grenades were found between the Golden Gate and St. Stephen's Gate, and police believe they may (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

No plan for 'preventive strike' on Saudis

The Government Press Office sought last night to rescind a statement by a senior government official that Israel might be forced to launch a "preventive strike" against Saudi Arabia.

Mattityahu Shmuelovitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was quoted by the German paper Die Welt as saying in an interview that the sale of German arms to the Saudis could have the effect of forcing Israel into making a preventive attack on that country.

Shmuelovitz was quoted by the press office as saying that he was replying to a hypothetical question. Efraim Lahav, Israel correspondent of Die Welt, told AP that he had taped the interview and could prove his version was accurate. According to Lahav, the conversation went as follows:

Q: Could the supply of arms to Saudi Arabia, or other Arab countries, place Israel in a position where it could deal a preventive blow?

A: Yes, this would place us in such a situation. I'm saying this as a personal opinion.

Local authority workers strike today

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 70,000 local authority workers are to launch a general strike this morning. Only the most vital services will be provided to the public, the Histadrut announced yesterday.

Local Authorities Union Chairman Pinhas Eylon met with representatives of the large cities last night in a last-ditch effort to avert the strike.

Intensive efforts last week by the Histadrut and the Union of Local Authorities to find a solution for the

local authorities workers' wage demands failed.

"The entire country will be one huge garbage pile, stretching from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat," Eylon told The Jerusalem Post last week, commenting on the possibility of the strike.

The local authority workers are demanding a wage rise for the lower grade employees.

But local authorities said they could not give the raise so soon after signing the overall wage agreement with the government.

French troops take control of expanded zone in Chad

PARIS (Reuters). — French soldiers in Chad took control of their expanded area of operations yesterday with a helicopter reconnaissance mission over the new surveillance zone, the Defence Ministry said.

In a communiqué, the ministry said the troops encountered "no hostile presence" as they braved sandstorms to reconnoitre the new zone beneath a defence line flanking the Chad government outposts of Ouni Chaouba and Koro Toro.

France moved its troops farther north in Chad on Friday and ordered them to engage any hostile

forces in the area after a French Jaguar was shot down and its pilot killed during a clash with an attacking column on Wednesday.

Military analysts in Paris said the move brought the 3,000-man French force supporting the government troops of Chad President Hissene Habre into range of direct contact with the Libyan-backed rebels of former Chad president Goukouni Oueddei.

They said the new security line could be reached by Libyan fighters based in Libya and in the contested Aouzou strip.

Hussein rejects notion of U.S.-assisted strike force

AMMAN (Reuters). — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday he would visit the U.S. soon for medical treatment and would meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat on his return to Amman.

He said he would be in Washington for a few days to complete treatment for a bleeding stomach ulcer that put him in hospital for a week earlier this month.

Questioned by correspondents on the concept of a U.S.-assisted Jordanian strike force and the possible stationing of American troops in Jordan, the king said: "I have never envisaged the stationing of American troops in Jordan at any time."

There were no plans "to create a force that would carry that name (strike force)," nor would Jordan go

to the aid of friends "in the name of the U.S. or any other power."

Asked whether he would meet U.S. officials in Washington, Hussein said his trip was specifically for medical reasons and not political, "although opportunities might arise to see some friends."

He did not give a date for his departure or say how long he would remain under treatment.

The king's trip, however, effectively postpones a visit to Amman by Arafat, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, whom the king has invited to work with him on a joint approach towards Middle East peace.

Arafat had been widely expected in Amman after attending the Islamic summit conference in Morocco which ended January 19.

Reagan to say tonight whether he'll run again

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. President Ronald Reagan concludes America's longest-running political melodrama tonight by announcing whether he will seek reelection in November for a second four-year term.

His closest aides are convinced the answer must be "yes, of

course." But in some quarters doubts persist.

The 72-year-old president will declare his hand in a five-minute television address from the White House Oval office, ending a year of speculation and press queries that seemed to amuse the keeper of the secret.

What a beautiful place for a plot

Argentiniens luxuriate across the border

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay — If it is true, as has been reported, that a group of ex-army officers and businessmen are plotting here to destabilize the Alfonsín government in Argentina, they have certainly chosen the nicest possible place in which to plot.

The fresh breeze and playful breakers rolling in from the Atlantic side of this peninsula would drown out the sound of the plotters' conversation.

Indeed, the section of beach favoured by the military holidaymakers, and discreetly avoided by the others, is on the Atlantic side of Punta del Este.

But for more serene and private plotting they could take a sailing boat out on the smooth waters of the River Plate side.

And at cocktail time, the clink of crystal and burr of fashionable patter at parties in elegant villas and on undulating, manicured lawns is another convenient milieu for treacherous get-togethers.

In town, the restaurants and discotheques hum with noise, and

By DAVID LANDAU/Jerusalem Post Correspondent

gaiety long into the night. Vacationers — the plotters among them — throng the pavements. Time is not important in Punta del Este, but Bank Leumi's clock, with its aleph-bet face high above the main street, offers a free service for the strollers.

The image of moustachioed, pot-bellied plotters deep in conclave while their Gucci-gowned wives and bikini-clad daughters besport themselves in this fabulous Riviera-type resort seems, to a bemused outside observer, to symbolize somehow the tragic-comic dissonances of Argentine political life.

Sand and sea notwithstanding, the charges of plotting and subversion are laid in deadly earnest. A leading Peronist deputy, Adan Pedrini, was to have met on Friday with Interior Minister Antonio Troccoli to discuss the evidence he believes he has.

Pedrini has spoken of "some 40 or 50 retired military officers,

together with some businessmen and bankers," who, he says, are plotting a destabilization campaign to begin in March. A recent spate of violent incidents in a provincial city is a harbinger, he says, of things to come.

He warns that "at the first hint of a coup, three million Argentines will take to the streets of Buenos Aires to protect the president, regardless of whether we agree with his policies or not, because we have the greatness of spirit to recognize that he is the legitimate president of Argentina."

It is too early to know whether this lofty statement of democratic loyalty truly represents prevalent opinion in the defeated and leaderless Peronist party.

On the one hand, a group of prominent Peronist deputies is proposing a "national covenant" with the ruling Radicals — an emergency moratorium on opposition politics while the government

tackles the economic morass.

On the other hand, many Peronists, among them members of this same group, are fighting tooth-and-nail against President Raul Alfonsín's moves to democratize the trade unions. And there are rumours that a million men will take to the streets if Alfonsín's measures get through the Radical-run Chamber of Deputies and reach the Senate, where a handful of independents hold the balance.

"Alfonsín is in the presidential palace, but he's not yet president," says Peronist maverick Patricio Kelly, sprawled in his deck-chair in Punta del Este.

Many politically aware Argentines agree with that sentiment. They admire — indeed marvel at — the brisk resoluteness and bold determination Alfonsín has shown so far. He is vigorously attacking Argentina's triple-headed hydra: inflation, the army, and the unions.

But each of them could yet strike back and swallow him up, and (Continued on Page 3)

Peace Now nominated for Nobel prize

Jerusalem Post Staff

Four members of the Swedish parliament have nominated the Peace Now movement for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The four — Thure Jädestig, Olle Svensson, Oskar Lindkvist, and Nils Goesta Signell — are all Social Democrats.

In a telegram to The Jerusalem Post, they explained that they "consider the Peace Now movement to be one of the most important elements in the fostering of a dialogue which could lead to peace between Israelis and Arabs."

They added that "a solution to the conflict between Israel and the Arabs may also contribute to a lessening of tensions between the superpowers."

According to Labour Party sources, Social Democratic parliamentarians in West Germany, Holland, France and Great Britain have also nominated Peace Now for the prize.

Bloody week on the roads: 18 killed, 74 badly injured

Last week was a bad one on Israel's roads: 18 persons were killed and 74 seriously injured in 121 major accidents. The first 27 days of January saw 60 traffic deaths, a rate much higher than that of the last several years.

Half of those killed and 49 of the seriously injured were pedestrians, and of these three of the dead and 21 of the injured were minors. Prime causes cited by police were failure to obey stop signs, failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians and sudden swerving from traffic lanes.

In one of the worst accidents, which took place on the coastal road Thursday night near Kibbutz Yakum, Rafael Nissim, 56, and his son Eli, 28, were killed after their pick-up truck crashed into the rear of a truck which had slowed down because of an engine problem. The truck driver felt the impact, but then drove away from the scene. He was apprehended 15 minutes later by a policeman.

Seriously injured in the crash were Nissim's wife Zuhara, 54, and

another son Benny, 12. They were hospitalized at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. Another daughter, 14, and a son, 19, were slightly injured and taken to Laniado Hospital in Netanya. The 19-year-old son, a soldier, was driving the vehicle.

One more person was moderately injured and four vehicles were badly damaged in a multiple-car crash nearby amid the traffic jam which developed after the accident.

In another major mishap, 39 residents of Kabul village in Galilee were injured, some of them seriously, when the bus in which they were riding to work overturned near Ahituv on Friday. The crash occurred when an oncoming semitrailer swerved to the left, struck the bus and forced it off the road and over a guard rail into a ditch.

On Friday morning, the driver of a private vehicle was killed when it collided with a bus near Gaza. Barada al-Dib Huzandar, 34, was killed instantly when he swerved from his lane and hit the oncoming bus head-on on a bridge. (Itim)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	28.1.84	MIN	MAX	
AMSTERDAM	4	25	26	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	3	27	28	Rain
BUEENOS AIRES	23	73	86	Rain
CHICAGO	4	25	37	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	32	34	Snow
FRANKFURT	0	21	37	Snow
GENEVA	3	27	39	Cloudy
HELSINKI	3	27	32	Snow
HONG KONG	10	30	34	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	23	73	81	Clear
LISBON	4	28	37	Cloudy
LONDON	2	26	38	Rain
MADRID	2	28	39	Clear
MONTREAL	2	28	37	Snow
NIJMEGEN	2	26	38	Clear
OSLO	11	12	16	Cloudy
PARIS	3	28	43	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	66	82	Rain
SAO PAULO	17	63	77	Rain
STOCKHOLM	7	19	23	Snow
TOKYO	0	32	45	Cloudy
TORONTO	0	32	38	Cloudy
VINNA	2	28	39	Clear
ZURICH	3	27	40	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear

	Yesterday's	Humidity	Yesterday's	Today's	Max
Jerusalem	66	73	2-9	11	
Haifa	77	77	2-15	11	
Nahariya	45	45	1-8	17	
Safed	67	67	9-16	17	
Haifa Port	74	74	6-15	17	
Tiberias	62	62	4-12	14	
Nazareth	59	59	6-16	18	
Afula	54	54	3-12	14	
Shimon	50	50	10-16	17	
Tel Aviv	55	55	6-16	18	
B-G Airport	65	65	8-18	19	
Jericho	38	38	11-16	17	
Gaza	48	48	6-14	16	
Beer-Sheva	48	48	11-18	20	
Eilat					

Israeli envoy presents credentials in Dublin

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Yehuda Avner, Israel's ambassador in London, presented his credentials in Dublin on Thursday to the president of the Irish Republic, Patrick Hillery. Avner hopes to visit Dublin three or four times a year in order to improve relations between Israel and Ireland and encourage two-way trade. Ireland is one of the less friendly countries towards Israel within the EEC.

Shamir holds talks with French official

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Francis Guttman, the director-general of the French Foreign Ministry, held conversations with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Friday during the course of a half-day visit before flying on to Amman. Guttman, who accompanied by Marc Bonnefous, the previous French ambassador to Israel, will proceed to Damascus today from Amman. The main focus of the meeting with Shamir was on ideas to solve the problem of Lebanon. Bonnefous is now head of the North Africa and Middle East division of the French Foreign Ministry.

Mother of nine, 45, murdered in Galilee

BEIT JANN (Iltim). — A 45-year-old mother of nine was shot in cold blood in her home in this Galilee village on Friday morning. Police believe the killer or killers, who broke into the house while the woman and her family slept, were motivated by a desire to "protect family honour."

The victim, Muhala Mandu, reportedly ran away from her former husband two years ago and lived with another man, who was also married. Eventually, after the intervention of both families, they were separated, and the woman was divorced before marrying a third man, from Beit Jann, with whom she lived until her death.

By Friday, police had arrested four suspects and expected to detain several more.

Grenade fired at Israeli office in Sidon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — A rocket-propelled grenade was fired at the headquarters of the Israeli civilian aid unit in Sidon on Friday night. No one was hurt. IDF forces sealed off the area, conducted searches and made arrests.

Welcome Back to Israel
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Mella and Aryeh
Goldberg
are pleased to announce the marriage of their children
Iris and Benjamin
The wedding took place in the family circle.

HOME NEWS

Heavy security as Kohl visits Old City shrines

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Protected by hundreds of anxious guards and policemen, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday pressed the flesh through the winding alleys of Jerusalem's Old City.

A smiling Kohl shook hands with passers-by throughout an extended four-hour tour of the holy sites. As he made his way through the city, policemen cleared most of the people from the alleys.

Security has been heavy since Kohl arrived in the country on Tuesday last week. But it was particularly evident in the Old City — especially since police and security personnel knew of the aborted attack on the Akra mosque early Friday morning.

Kohl and his entourage entered the Temple Mount compound through the Gate of the Chains. They were met by the Mufti of Jerusalem, Sa'ad ed-din El-Alami, and were taken to the Dome of the Rock and Akra mosques.

Kohl started his tour at Jaffa Gate, went to the Holy Sepulchre, the Lutheran Church, a Russian church, through the Jewish Quarter for a view of the Western Wall, and from there to the mosque. Later he visited St. Anne's church and the Dormition monastery. In the evening, after the sabbath, he visited the Western Wall.

At the Lutheran Church, Kohl was met by a group of demonstrators with placards in German protesting against the sale of German arms to Saudi Arabia.

Kohl, saying he was praying for Middle East peace, on Friday visited sites where Jesus and Mary are said to have walked in Galilee.

The West German leader, a Roman Catholic, was guided by local priests through the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, where Christian teaching says the Angel Gabriel first announced to Mary that she would bear a child.

Kohl also visited Kibbutz Ginosar, where the late Yigal Alon is buried.



Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden meets with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Friday in Jerusalem. (Yitzhak Harari)

Australian FM and Shamir discuss Sinai force future

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The future of the Australian contingent to the MFO (Multi-National Force and Observers) in Sinai came up at the first meeting on Friday morning between visiting Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, shortly after Hayden's arrival from Cairo.

The mandate of the Australian contingent, which expires on March 31, is quite likely to be extended by the government and federal parliament in Canberra, it is understood. This, despite a plank in the platform of the ruling Labour party calling for Australian participation in international forces only under UN auspices.

In Cairo, Hayden got an official letter from Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali asking for the Australian contingent to stay on.

Hayden spent the rest of Friday

and all of Saturday on a private programme, which included a visit to various facilities in two refugee camps managed by UNRWA. Roy Skinner, director of UNRWA in the West Bank and Gaza, and a fellow Australian and personal friend of Hayden, gave him a full briefing on UNRWA operations in his bailiwick.

Hayden met four prominent Palestinian figures at a lunch hosted by the Skinners: Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, former Jordanian defence minister Anwar Nusseibeh, Birzeit University vice-president Gadi Baramki and a former governor of Jerusalem, Judge Abu Ghazaleh.

Later yesterday, Hayden met two Peace Now leaders, Tsalt Reshef and Arye Dvoretzky, and the ousted Gaza mayor Rashad Shawwa.

Today, after a visit to Yad Vashem, Hayden will call on President Chaim Herzog and then meet Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Sharon misled cabinet on Beirut advance, new book says

Immediately after the cease-fire declared in Lebanon on June 11, 1982, then defence minister Ariel Sharon signed an understanding with Phalangist leader Bashir Jemayel on linking up IDF forces with the militias in Beirut, according to a new book on the war. The Israeli Army then continued to advance, despite the truce, and two days later, entered Beirut, without authorization from the government.

Highlights of the book, by Ha'aretz military correspondent Ze'ev Schiff and Israel Television reporter Ehud Ya'ari, appeared in Ha'aretz on Friday. Yediot Aharanot printed in its weekend edition excerpts from another soon-to-be-released book on the war, this one by Israel Radio political reporter Shimon Shiffer.

Based on hundreds of interviews

and documents, Schiff and Ya'ari's book claims that only hours before his June 11 meeting with Jemayel, Sharon told the cabinet that no IDF units had been ordered to link up with the Phalangists. He also said, the book claims, that he had refused to see liaison officers from the Christian force, but in reality, one was already accompanying a paratroop unit advancing towards Beirut.

The day before, according to the book, Sharon explicitly told the cabinet that the IDF force was not to enter Beirut, but even as he spoke, contrary instructions were being issued.

The Shiffer book says that the decision to enter West Beirut was taken on June 12 at a closed meeting between Begin, Sharon and Eitan, who resolved to ask for full

cabinet approval only at the last possible minute.

Excerpts from the Shiffer book dealt more with Sharon's pre-war plans: five months before the war, for instance, the minister is quoted as saying that he had "pinned down" the Phalangist leaders at a meeting with them concerning plans for coordinated military action.

A month before that, according to Shiffer, Sharon had unveiled plans to U.S. envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper concerning an entry into Lebanon to strike a blow at the terrorists. They immediately wired Washington, asking then secretary of state Alexander Haig to apply pressure to halt the slippage towards war.

But in a conversation two weeks into the war, Haig is quoted as showing understanding of Israel's

expectation that it would have to enter West Beirut, and urging then premier Menachem Begin to "finish the job" as quickly as possible, preferably through use of Lebanese forces opposed to the PLO.

Yediot also reported that the war nearly began in May 1982, a month before its actual start, when two Israelis were shot to death outside Paris. Sharon reported told U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that if it turned out that the PLO was responsible, Israel would enter Lebanon. But the incident proved to be of criminal background.

In another reported conversation, Bashir Jemayel is quoted as telling IDF officers who were confiscating Phalangist weapons in Aley that then chief of staff Rafael Eitan would return the arms to them in Jounieh.

Experts, officials discuss Negev water pollution issues

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A third water pipeline to the Negev, to be completed within four years, will carry 90 million cubic metres of treated sewage water from the greater Dan area in the central region, an official from Israel's water authority said here on Wednesday. Zvi Grunwald was speaking at a symposium on the use of water sources in the Negev and pollution prevention at the Ben-Gurion university of the Negev.

A panel discussion on pollution disclosed that there is very little monitoring of the nation's streams. Potentially harmful effects of industrial waste flowing into Negev wadis have not fully been assessed.

Nature Reserves Authority botanist Netta Or, a resident of the Arava, claimed that water in the area contains a dangerously high level of nitrates said to be hazardous to babies. But Hadassa Adan of the Health Ministry assured her that

"the quality of drinking water in the Negev is the highest in the country."

Nevertheless, the panel agreed that poorly treated industrial wastes flowing into streams, as well as haphazard army sewage and illegal quarrying, make the situation potentially dangerous in the long run, even if there are no poisons in the water today.

Yekutiel Navon, an adviser to the Environmental Protection Service, said that the only way to force industry to comply with environmental guidelines is to strictly enforce business licensing laws.

But Adan pointed out that the laws are not applicable to such giant polluters as the Makhteshim chemical plant in Beersheba, which has been operating for 30 years without licence. "This is a very serious problem. The plant received money specifically to build all its installations to Ramat Hovav, but it has failed to do so," she said.

Mubarak will go to Zaire during African visit

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak begins an eight-day tour of four African states on Tuesday aimed at strengthening economic and military ties on the continent.

Mubarak, accompanied by Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, will first visit Zaire before going on to Kenya, Somalia and Tanzania. (President Chaim Herzog on Thursday

returned from an eight-day state visit to Zaire and Liberia.)

Diplomatic sources here said Mubarak's talks with Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko and Somali leader Mohamed Siad Barre would focus mainly on military and economic cooperation.

Egypt has provided military aid to Zaire in the past and Zaire has been a strong supporter of Egypt's Middle East and African policies.

Three Americans win Wolf chemistry prize

The Wolf Foundation has announced that three U.S. university professors will share the foundation's \$100,000 1983/84 chemistry prize for their work in magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Professors Herbert Gutowsky of the University of Illinois, Harden McConnell of Stanford University and John Waugh of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be presented their awards in May by President Chaim Herzog in a ceremony at the Knesset.

SETTLEMENT. — Jewish Agency settlement department head Matiyahu Drobles is soon to submit to the cabinet a five-year plan to settle 5,000 families in the Arava.

ALAKSA ATTACK

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have been dropped by the two men when they ran away.

Shortly after the grenades and explosives were found, police arrested two men — one of them a reserve army officer. But they were released a short while later after police said it was proven that they had nothing to do with the attack.

Had Friday morning's attack succeeded, the explosives could have caused a great deal of damage to the holy buildings, and the number of grenades indicates that the two men planned to attack people, as well.

The mood in East Jerusalem was very tense yesterday. Police — pos-

sibly fearing riots after Friday prayers and before West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to the mosque yesterday — released no reports on Friday, and all that the East Jerusalemites knew came from the Arab radio and television stations.

Maurice Zilka, Kollek's adviser on East Jerusalem, said last night that he hopes the Arabs will trust the Israeli security forces to conduct an energetic and thorough investigation into the attack.

Strongly condemning the attempt, he pointed out that in recent times, "Jews, not Arabs, have been provoking the great tension around the city's holy places."



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block (left) arrives last night at Ben-Gurion Airport for a two-day visit at the invitation of Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper (centre). The two are to discuss ways to increase cooperation, including raising U.S. grants for agricultural research here and the establishment of a free-trade zone. (IPPA)

Ambushed PWD worker buried in Safad

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SAFAD. — Thousands of Safad residents on Friday attended the funeral of Public Works Department employee Aharon Ovadia, 48, who was killed by terrorists in Lebanon on Thursday. The death was reported in our late edition on Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said at the graveside that the Syrians were indirectly responsible for Ovadia's death, since they gave the terrorists help.

Also at the funeral were Alignment MK Aharon Nahmias and Safad Mayor Ze'ev Perl.

Two other Public Works employees were wounded in the ambush, near Ansar in Southern Lebanon.

Several days before he was killed, Ovadia, a 29-year veteran of the PWD, got the Israel Defence Forces' Peace for Galilee medalion for his work in Lebanon over the last two years. He leaves a wife and three children.

Quick trial asked in father-daughter rape case

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Police have asked the district court here to quickly try a rape case involving a 53-year-old member of the Azazma Beduin tribe nearby.

The man is accused of raping his 17-year-old daughter and police say that meanwhile she is living in fear.

The suspect was remanded in custody for 23 days on January 6 and must be brought to trial or released today.

Police say that the offence was

committed last October, near the Tze'elim Forest. Afterwards, it is claimed, the man threatened his daughter with a knife, saying: "If you tell anyone, I will slaughter you the way a sheep is slaughtered, and bury you in the desert."

The state further claims that on January 1, the accused awakened his daughter at home and again tried to rape her. The girl escaped to the home of her brother in Ramat Beka, 16 kilometres south of here, and went with him to the Beersheba police station.

Mount Hermon ski slopes open

Following a heavy snowfall over the weekend, the ski slope at Mount Hermon is to open this morning for the first time this season.

The snow is reported to be more than a metre. Ski centre director Eli Sagron told *The Jerusalem Post* that the snow should be sufficient for two weeks of operations.

Entrance fee to the slopes is IS350 on weekdays (IS450 Saturday) and an unlimited one-day ticket for the lifts, including equipment is priced at IS3,000-4,000.

Snow also fell yesterday on the Golan Heights and in Galilee.

IDF gets Shemtov file from Grunzweig team

Investigators of the murder of Emil Grunzweig on Friday passed on the file of suspected accessory David Shemtov to the Israel Defence Forces prosecutor. Shemtov is to be indicted today.

Shemtov was arrested two weeks ago on suspicion of stealing grenades from the base where he served and selling them to others, including murder suspect Yona Avruschali. Grunzweig was killed in a grenade explosion during a Peace Now demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office last February 10. (Iltim)

Pope asked to probe Vatican aid to Nazi criminals

NEW YORK (AP). — An American Jewish leader on Thursday asked Pope John Paul II to order an independent investigation into allegations that the Vatican helped Nazis escape prosecution after World War II.

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told the pope in a telegram that he was "deeply disturbed by the report

of cooperation by the Holy See" in the alleged escape efforts.

He cited a report in *The New York Times* on Thursday which quoted a French Nazi-hunter as saying that Walter Rauff, a former SS colonel sought in the gassing of Jews, was sheltered in Vatican convents for 18 months after the war. (See story p.3)

The *Times* also discussed a secret 1947 U.S. State Department report which said the Vatican was "the largest single organization involved in the illegal movement of immigrants," including Nazis.

"We respectfully suggest that you order an appropriate and independent investigation of the Vatican's own records of that period to determine what role if any was played by members of the Catholic hierarchy in the illegal emigration of Nazis following World War II," Berman said.

Berman noted that U.S. President Ronald Reagan ordered a similar probe into American involvement with the escape of Nazi war criminal

Klaus Barbie, and upon confirmation of the American role, apologized to the French government.

"We submit that the Vatican can do no less," Berman said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a federal judge on Friday revoked the naturalized citizenship of a 61-year-old man who the Justice Department said murdered unarmed civilians in the Ukraine during World War II.

The order set the stage for the deportation of George Theodorovich, of Troy, New York, who failed to appear at two pre-trial hearings last month.

The request for deportation, filed last August, was based in part on police reports Theodorovich allegedly wrote, signed and dated that described the shooting of Jews in the Ukrainian city of Lvov in August 1942, when Theodorovich was 19 years old.

In Chicago, a former Nazi death camp guard who faces possible

deportation was "shaken" to learn he has been relieved of his job as chief custodian at a suburban school district, the superintendent says.

Reinhold Kulle, who has acknowledged he was a guard but said he had virtually no contact with prisoners, had worked for Oak Park-River Forest School District 200 for 25 years.

In Paris, a petition to free Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie was rejected on Thursday night by France's highest court of appeals, which ruled that the charges against Barbie are legal.

Barbie's defence lawyer had contended that the crimes against humanity charge for his activities as the top Gestapo official in Lyon during World War II was introduced only in 1964 and could not be retroactively applied to Barbie. But the court ruled that the law was introduced specifically for Nazi war criminals and has no statute of limitations.

With deep sorrow and grief we announce the passing of our dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather

Rabbi SOLOMON (Zalman) REICHMAN 5-1

The funeral took place last night.

The Family

Shiva at the home of the son, Rehov Melachi 18, Jerusalem

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A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 30, 1984 at 3.30 p.m. at the Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa.

Transport will be available from 66 Hatishbi St. at 3 p.m.

The Family

Iran said readying attack on Iraq

BASRA (Reuters). — Iran is mobilizing troops to attack Iraq in the southern sector of the Gulf War front, with this strategic port city an expected target, the commander of Iraq's Third Army corps said yesterday.

Major-General Maher Abed al-Rashid told a group of foreign reporters at his headquarters near Basra that Iran had mobilized three Revolutionary Guard divisions to support regular army troops for the planned attack.

Gen. Rashid did not give details of where the attack was expected to take place, but he said Basra, at the head of the gulf, was a possible main target. Iraq and Iran have been at war for 40 months.

He said Iraqi intelligence reports indicated that Iran had already

named the offensive — "Tahrir al-Quds" (Liberation of Jerusalem) and "Lahhaika Ya-Khomeini" (Here I Am, At Your Service, Khomeini).

Rashid, who took over the Third Army corps this week, previously commanded the First Army corps which repelled a major Iranian offensive in November on the Iraqi town of Penwin, 300 kilometres north-east of Baghdad.

Iran has tried several times to cross the 1180-kilometre long front since Iraq pulled back its troops to defensive lines from Iranian territory, occupied early in the conflict.

Foreign reporters taken to the southern front on Thursday saw long columns of Iraqi troops and war machinery heading for the front line.

Iraq is to fly 180 Iranian prisoners of war from Baghdad to Ankara today for handing over to Iranian authorities, Arab diplomatic sources in Ankara said yesterday.

Meanwhile, more than 300 Kurdish rebels have been killed by Iranian Revolutionary guards in a "winter campaign" against the dissidents in Kurdistan province, the Tehran daily *Azadegan* reported yesterday.

The paper, quoting a statement issued by the guards, said 30 Kurdish military commanders were killed in the fighting and hundreds of corpses still littered the battlefield.

It said a body count was taken after a 30-stage operation in the area to crush the guerrillas, who have been waging a violent campaign for autonomy.

Mondale leaves Democratic hopefuls behind

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Former vice-president Walter Mondale on Friday claimed a major victory in a poll of Democrats in Congress for the Democratic presidential nomination, but his major opponent, John Glenn, found his campaign floundering.

Aides to Mondale said he had won at least 97 of the 164 presidential nominating convention delegates chosen by House of Representative Democrats in balloting that ended Thursday night.

They said Ohio Senator John Glenn, a former astronaut, followed with at least 16, by their count.

On Thursday, Glenn replaced his presidential campaign manager amid signs that his bid for the Democratic nomination was falling

apart at the seams.

Glenn named Jerry Vento, a seasoned Democratic political professional, to replace William White, who had masterminded his bid for the presidency since its inception last March.

The run-up to the Democratic Party convention in San Francisco in July moves into high gear next month, with primary elections in New Hampshire and Iowa. Mondale has mustered big opinion poll leads in both states.

On the Republican side, President Ronald Reagan is expected to declare his candidacy for the November election today. He faces no serious opposition for his party's nomination.

Mondale has built up opinion poll

leads over his Democratic rivals of up to 3-1, piled up endorsements and built formidable political machines in key primary states. Glenn's stock seems to have plummeted on all fronts.

In a new CBS-New York Times poll of Democratic presidential preferences, Glenn dropped to only 14 per cent support behind Mondale's 44 per cent. He also had to share second place for the first time since the campaign polls started a year ago.

Black rights leader Jesse Jackson, riding a tide of publicity from his recent trip to Damascus during which he helped secure the release of a U.S. pilot shot down over Lebanon, also won 14 per cent backing.

Police in Philippines stop anti-referendum protesters

MANILA (Reuters). — Armed Philippines police backed by fire engines stopped several thousand anti-government demonstrators from marching into Manila yesterday to protest against a national referendum on constitutional amendments.

As the votes cast in Friday's largely peaceful poll were counted, supporters of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino were halted at the city's edge by police who said they had no licence to stage a rally.

The casualty toll in clashes between armed forces and dissidents or in other referendum-related violence was reported yesterday at 13 dead and 11 injured. The paramilitary constabulary said this was lower than usual during Philippines polls.

Police commander Brigadier-General Tomas Karingal told the independent radio Veritas the marchers would not be allowed into Manila because they would cause anarchy and traffic problems.

The marchers, led by Butz

Aquino, brother of the murdered former senator, set out Friday on a 145-kilometre walk from Tarlac, the Aquino hometown. Their destination was Manila airport, where Benigno Aquino was killed last August on his return from three years of voluntary exile in the U.S.

Butz Aquino, who estimated the crowd at 30,000, said they would spend the night outside metropolitan Manila while lawyers tried to negotiate with the authorities. Police said the crowd was smaller but gave no figure.

Final results of the referendum were not expected until next week but early returns indicated support for the main amendments, which included restoration of the vice-presidency and adjustments to constituency boundaries.

They also seemed to show a relatively light turnout. President Ferdinand Marcos, now in his 19th year in power, had appealed for a strong turnout while the opposition called for a boycott.

Andropov gets nomination, but fails to attend meeting

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet President Yuri Andropov, out of public view for more than five months, was officially nominated Friday as a candidate for March 4 parliamentary elections but skipped another Communist Party meeting he might have been expected to attend.

Andropov, 69, was nominated to stand for the Moscow district of Proletarskiy, an industrial region in the east of the capital, TASS said. He did not attend a Moscow Communist Party meeting held to formalize nominations for the elections.

If he follows precedent established by the late Leonid Brezhnev and other former Soviet

leaders, Andropov can be expected to turn out to vote on March 4.

If he appears then, it would mark the president's first sortie in public since August 18, when he met with nine American senators in the Kremlin. Soviet officials have said a "cold" has kept him away from subsequent public meetings.

Pravda editor-in-chief Viktor Afanasyev told CBS' Mike Wallace in a recent Moscow interview that Andropov is suffering from a kidney ailment complicated by flu.

Statements issued in Andropov's name have appeared regularly, however, in the third week of each month since August.

Blunt talks on U.S.-Japanese trade

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — After two days of blunt talking between Japan and the U.S. on trade issues, President Reagan and Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Arai have called for new efforts to solve their problems and forge closer ties.

Abe indicated there had been some tough talking when he said discussions on trade had been frank and useful. "I think we made considerable progress," he said on Friday.

U.S. officials said agreement was reached on renewing a three-year pact giving American companies

equal access to Japanese firms in sales of equipment to the government-owned Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTT) Corporation.

But a dispute over quotas imposed by Japan on U.S. beef and citrus exports remained unresolved.

Iran oil to E. Germany

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Iran will sell 1.5 million tons of crude oil to East Germany this year at the official price of \$29 per barrel, Teheran Radio said yesterday.

Soviet subs near U.S. discounted by Pentagon

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — One or more Soviet submarines, armed with nuclear missiles, have moved closer to the U.S. in an apparent response to the deployment of American weapons in western Europe, Pentagon officials said on Friday.

But they played down their military effectiveness.

At least one of the new Delta-class submarines, carrying nuclear missiles with a range of about 6,500 km, has been detected moving into the North Atlantic off the U.S. east coast, they said.

The Soviet Union already has Yankee-class submarines stationed off both east and west coasts. Their missiles have less than half the range of those on the Deltas.

The officials said deployment of the Deltas would give the Soviet Union little extra military potential since the submarines were able to hit targets in the U.S. from their normal patrolling positions.

But they noted that by emerging from their home waters, the Deltas now were vulnerable to American submarine-hunters.

Egypt bans Columbia over film on Sadat

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt has decided to boycott an American motion picture company for producing a film slandering the country's history, government-controlled newspapers reported in Friday editions.

The Culture Minister Abdel-Hamid Radwan had issued a decree imposing a boycott on Columbia motion pictures for producing a film on the late president Anwar Sadat that "contains historic distortions slandering the Egyptian people's struggle."

Sadat was assassinated by Moslem fanatics on October 6, 1981.

Veteran leader Hassan re-elected in Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR (AP). — A jubilant Sir Joshua Hassan told supporters Friday that his party's victory in Thursday parliamentary elections here was "the most satisfactory election result since I entered politics 40 years ago."

Hassan's Gibraltar Labour Party and Association for the Advancement of Civil Rights won eight of the 15 seats in the Gibraltar House of Assembly to assure the Jewish politician's continued control of political affairs in this British colony.

The Socialist Labour Party moved from one to seven House of Assembly seats. The previous opposition represented by the Democratic Party for British Gibraltar failed to win any seats.

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The frame of the Piasecki Heli-Stat, which will rigidly connect four modified Sikorsky helicopters to a one-million cubic foot helium-filled airship, is displayed on Thursday after passing structural tests at the Lakehurst Naval Air Centre. (UPI telephoto)

Structural unit unveiled for 'world's largest aircraft'

LAKEHURST, New Jersey (AP). — U.S. officials on Thursday unveiled makings of what was billed as the world's largest aircraft, a 10-storey-high combination of blimp and helicopter intended to pluck timber from remote forests.

A congressional watchdog agency maintains, however, that the behemoth, called a Heli-Stat, will wind up as a \$40-million white elephant when finished.

The Heli-Stat will be about 10 metres longer than a football field and wider than an aircraft carrier. A combination of four helicopters and a U.S. Navy airship, it has been in preparation for four years. When

finished, the makers say, it will be able to lift 26 tons — more than twice what the largest present-day helicopter can handle.

The U.S. Forest Service says it eventually will be able to lift timber from previously unreachable areas and avoid the necessity of building forest roads. The manufacturer says it could also be used to lay pipelines, in mining and in offshore oil operations.

A \$10.7m. contract for building the Heli-Stat was awarded to Piasecki Aircraft Corporation in 1980. The firm now estimates the cost of developing, building and testing the airship at \$37m.

U.S. envoy in South Africa discusses Angola truce

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). — Prime Minister P.W. Botha yesterday discussed a possible ceasefire on the Namibia-Angola border with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker, official sources said.

The Prime Minister was brought into the last round of talks after what officials called productive discussions on Friday involving Foreign Minister P.W. Botha.

The two-day talks focussed on the possibility of a ceasefire as a first step towards solving the question of independence for Namibia (South West Africa), the sources said.

South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) guerrillas,

who have bases in Angola, have for 17 years been fighting for the independence of Namibia, which South Africa governs in defiance of the UN.

Angola and South Africa have each offered cease-fires in recent weeks but with conditions unacceptable to the other.

South Africa insists, with U.S. support, that an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 Cuban troops must leave Angola before Namibia can be independent.

Angola demands that South Africa promise to begin a UN independence process involving elections which it is widely assumed SWAPO would win.

Non-aligned meeting blasts Western-dominated media

JAKARTA (Reuters). — The Western media took a hammering for the third successive day yesterday at a conference of non-aligned information ministers discussing plans to improve the image of developing nations in the world's press.

The 60 or more countries attending have unanimously complained that the flow of world news is biased against them because of media domination by the big four Western news agencies of the U.S. and Western Europe.

While ministers made speeches one after another outlining the problems, a working committee met to debate a draft declaration proposed by Indonesia containing a plan of action.

Several countries expressed regret that the U.S. had announced its intention to withdraw from the

UN Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which has been a major driving force for the much heralded "new international information order."

The U.S. has said UNESCO wants to restrict press freedom. The Cubans accused the U.S. of black mail, and the Nicaraguans said UNESCO was better off without the Americans, but several others including India and Yugoslavia said they hoped Washington would reconsider.

Quoting UNESCO Director-General Amadou M'bow of Senegal, who sent his apologies for being unable to attend, the organization's delegate, Makamin Makaginsar, said progress towards a new information order would be slow but irreversible.

JAL becomes world's largest airline

TOKYO (AP). — Japan Air Lines has replaced Pan American World Airways as the world's largest airline in terms of international passenger and cargo loads in 1983, a JAL spokesman said Friday.

According to JAL calculations, spokesman Geoffrey Tudor said, JAL carried 4,528 billion ton-kilometres of paid passengers, cargo and mail on regular international air routes last year against Pan Am's

4,120 billion ton-kilometres.

According to International Air Transport Association statistics, JAL ranked second in the international field with 4,318 billion ton-kilometres in 1982, against Pan Am's 4,322 billion ton-kilometres.

Ton-kilometres is calculated by multiplying paid transported weights of passengers and cargo by distances.

Polish TV runs U.S. nuclear war film

WARSAW (AP). — State-run Polish television on Thursday broadcast a lightly censored version of *The Day After*, making Poland the first Soviet Bloc nation to show the controversial ABC-TV film on nuclear war to a wide audience.

The prime-time evening broadcast differed from the U.S. version only by dropping a reference to East German troops rebelling at the

opening of the conflict. The film, which focuses on the destruction of a typical city in America's heartland, does not say who starts the nuclear exchange.

Unlike the November 20 American television premiere, the film was not followed by a panel discussion with experts. Instead, it was preceded by a commentary that blamed the U.S. for the arms race.

Schoolboy hoax gets radio station to cancel school

NORWICH, England (Reuters). — A schoolboy tricked a radio station into announcing that his school was cut off by snow and closed for the day by ringing up and imitating his headmaster.

Headmaster John Gibbs was furious when more than 500 pupils stayed away from Northgate High School after the announcement.

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Bonn defence chief may quit for sacking of 'gay general'

BONN (Reuters). — The fate of West German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner, at the centre of a controversy over his dismissal of a top general, hung in the balance yesterday as the country awaited Chancellor Helmut Kohl's return from Israel.

Kohl's mission to Israel has been overshadowed by the mounting political storm over Woerner's firing of NATO General Guenter Kiesling on evidence, now discredited, that he frequented homosexual bars and was a security risk.

Kohl, who leaves Israel today, has asked to see Woerner in his office tomorrow.

Woerner is not prepared to resign over the firing, a spokesman for the minister said, denying reports that he has already offered his resignation to Kohl.

But diplomatic sources and political commentators almost unanimously agreed that the tide has

turned against Woerner. There have been increasing doubts about the credibility of four witnesses to Kiesling's alleged behaviour, whom the government has refused to name.

The sources said after the Kiesling sacking came to light that Woerner had at least a 50-50 chance of surviving, if the counter-intelligence unit is held responsible for producing sloppy evidence against the General. Woerner has appointed a three-man commission to look into the agency's activities.

But the sources said he made a serious and probably fatal mistake in meeting a Swiss homosexual magazine publisher who claimed to have evidence that the general was a homosexual.

The publisher was widely discredited as a serious witness by the press, and his trip to Bonn was portrayed as a last desperate effort by Woerner to demonstrate the truth of the allegations.

U.S. official warns division of Cyprus may be permanent

WASHINGTON (AP). — Cyprus will be divided permanently if the present division continues too long, a U.S. State Department official warned on Friday.

"The teen-agers today on Cyprus, Greek Cypriots or Turkish Cypriots, do not know one another and if that situation is continued for too long you will in fact have a permanently divided island," said Edward Derwinski, counsellor of the department.

"You may as well split it and put them a thousand miles apart, because you won't be able to get it together."

He spoke at a meeting of Ahepa, a society of Greek-Americans.

He said his point about separation had been made by both Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders when he last visited the Mediterranean

island, split by a Turkish invasion in 1974. Last November, Turkish Cypriots declared their independence.

Derwinski said the declaration, which the U.S. opposed, "at least called public attention to the situation."

He said he favours "quiet diplomacy" to solve the problem and urged that leaders on both sides not take too many irreversible positions. A final result would have to be a compromise and all the right is not on one side, he added.

In Nicosia, Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş accused President Spiros Kyprianou Friday of "sowing discord" between Turkey and Greece, co-guarantors of Cyprus' independence.

Arms talks to resume in March

VIENNA (AP). — The suspended East-West negotiations on reducing conventional forces and armaments in Central Europe will restart on March 16, three months after the Warsaw Pact refused to set a new date, a NATO spokesman said Thursday.

Belgian Ambassador Robert Lebacqz, speaking on behalf of NATO, told the Austrian Foreign Ministry that the Western alliance had decided to accept a Soviet proposal and continue the talks on March 16. Although the date was already known, Lebacqz officially notified the host country, apparent-

ly to ensure that premises for the talks are available.

When the deadlocked parties recessed on December 15, the Soviet Union and its allies were unwilling to agree on January 26 as the new resumption date, insisting that continuation of the talks would have to be discussed through diplomatic channels.

The talks have been stalled over the so-called card issue, with the West insisting on clarification of the actual manpower of both military alliances before practical reduction moves take place.

Evidence of torture against Turkey

STRASBOURG, France (AP). — Five Western European countries that have accused the former military regime in Turkey of torturing prisoners and other violations of human rights have shown enough evidence to indict Turkey for such practices, the European Commission of Human Rights reported Friday.

The indictment is the first step in a process that could lead to the expulsion of Turkey from the 21-nation Council of Europe.

The complaint, brought against

Turkey by France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, charged that the military government of Gen. Kenan Evren had subjected hundreds of political prisoners to torture and other "inhuman or degrading treatment."

It also accused Turkey of drastically curtailing political activities and enacting laws suspending due process in criminal proceedings. All of those charges violate the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Court frees assets of UK print union

LONDON (AP). — A High Court judge on Friday dismissed contempt of court charges against a British print union, whose illegal picketing led to a nationwide newspaper strike in November.

Judge Sir Michael Eastham also granted the National Graphical Association's request to release its £11 million (£19.9 billion) of assets seized November 25, 1983, but refused to revoke fines totalling £675,000 (£1.16m.).

The dispute began last July when Eddie Shah, owner of the Mes-

senger group of local newspapers, fired six NGA members who protested against his decision not to force his 120 employees to join the union.

The conflict escalated in a series of illegal and sometimes violent mass picketing protests and court fines, leading to a strike which halted national newspapers for two days. The protest collapsed when the NGA's request for a nationwide strike was rejected by Britain's Trades Union Congress on December 14.

Portugal votes to liberalize abortion

LISBON (Reuters). — Portugal's parliament voted on Friday after an all-night debate to liberalize abortion, an issue which split the eight-month-old government for the first time and provoked a bitter dispute with the powerful Roman Catholic Church.

The bill approved by parliament does not legalize abortion, but waives prosecution in cases of fetal deformity, pregnancy following rape and when the mother's life is in danger.

A bill put forward by the opposi-

tion Communists simply legalizing abortion on the lines of most Western European countries was rejected, and parliament adopted a milder Socialist measure.

With the Communists voting with the Socialists, it was carried by 132 votes to 102, with one Socialist abstention.

Opposing the bill were the Social Democrats, partners to the Socialists in the ruling coalition, and the staunchly Roman Catholic Christian Democrats.

Eritrean rebels kill 30 Ethiopian troops

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Guerrillas fighting for the independence of the Ethiopian province of Eritrea killed 30 Ethiopian troops on Friday in a battle near the western town of Barentu, the Qatari news agency reported yesterday.

The agency quoted a spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) as saying the battle took place when Ethiopian troops tried to retake the border town of Tessenet, near the town of Abu Gama.

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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Index-linked bonds at centre stage

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The spectre of another crash in the stock market — but this time not of the commercial bank shares but of the government-issued index-linked bonds — hovered over the capital markets last week.

These index-linked bonds had always been considered "as safe as the State of Israel," and indeed, the state (in the form of the Bank of Israel) moved in swiftly to maintain the price of these bonds. This move, plus the fact that the Bank of Israel towards the end of the week mobilized the institutional investors (the providents funds, etc.), helped to calm the atmosphere.

But financial circles were not willing to go out on a limb and predict that public confidence in these bonds had been restored, although the government reiterated its stand, that it would continue to support these bonds.

Unlike the commercial banks, whose resources are limited, those of the government are unlimited. It can always print money to buy these bonds, but if it does so, it will foster inflation, the very phenomenon which it is so desperately fighting.

At any rate, the sale of bonds (the

overwhelming majority being index-linked, although some are linked to foreign currencies) rose from \$7.2 million last Sunday to \$8.7m., \$18m., \$80m. and \$32.8m. on subsequent days last week. Intervention by the Bank of Israel became massive on Tuesday, when the bank bought up about \$16m. On Wednesday, its purchases reached a huge \$28m., but on Thursday, its intervention dropped to only \$16m.

On Thursday, however, the institutional investors were also very active, helping to calm the atmosphere, and they even raised prices in some cases by one to two per cent.

Whether public faith in the bonds has been restored or not is still a moot question. Trading this week should give at least a partial answer. The authorities insisted at the beginning of last week that the majority of the sales were not by the public, but by businessmen who had run into a credit squeeze, and needed ready cash.

The "bond issue" overshadowed two other events last week. The first was the oil strike at Gurim 4. Nearly all oil shares, those which had a part in the drilling, and those which did not, began to soar.

But according to an official an-

nouncement by Jerusalem Oil Exploration Ltd. (J.O.E.L.), Gurim will only pump about 100 barrels a day, and the entire field contains about four million barrels. Since Israel uses about 150,000 barrels a day, the entire field can supply only a tiny part of the country's needs — in fact, less than one month's oil.

But the importance of the oil strike was not its total output. The big question is whether Gurim 4 was drilled at the far end of a huge pool of oil, or at the very centre. If it is at the centre, there is some justification for the soaring prices of oil shares. But the Heletz field, which was brought in several decades ago, also sent hopes soaring at the time.

The second event last week was the "arrangement" bank shares. Bank of Israel intervention was needed throughout the week to maintain their price, after the Bank of Israel let them fall by two to three per cent on Sunday.

These "arrangement" shares, if the government can honour its pledge to redeem them in the stipulated dollar terms, are perhaps the best buy in Israel, giving a tax-free yield of about 23 per cent (in dollar terms) a year. And if Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad manages to put through all his budget cuts; if he gets the economy back on an even keel; and if exports (and their profits) rise, there will be many Israelis who in a few years will blame themselves for not having bought them.

The "free" shares were mixed all during last week, and their turnover never rose above one million dollars a day.

Europe's jobless rate hits postwar record

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Common Market on Friday announced a post-World War II record of 12.5 million people were out of work in December, fresh evidence that the U.S. recovery has not spread to Europe.

The jobless rate in the 10 European Community (EC) countries hit 10.8 per cent, with 100,000 more jobless than in January, 1983, the worst previous month in the trade bloc's history.

From November to December, only Belgium showed an increase in jobs. The other nine countries were either worse off than the month before or stayed the same.

The only way to fix things is to learn economic lessons from Japan and the U.S., EC Social Affairs Commissioner Ivor Richard told reporters. "The Community must gear up its educational and training efforts if it is to enable its industry to match developments in the United States and Japan," he said.



The 62,000-ton bulk carrier "Besor" is one of the new fleet of large grain carriers. It is 225 metres long, 32 metres wide and from the deck down measures 18 metres.

\$120m. grain carrying deal for Zim and El-Yam lines

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A seven-year contract to carry grain from the U.S. to Israel was signed by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patai with the Zim and El-Yam shipping companies on board the El-Yam grain carrier M.S. Nebo in the port here on Thursday.

The two companies will bring nearly a million tons of grain annually under a contract that is worth \$120 million. They will earn another \$20m. a year for carrying potash on their outward trips.

The firms agreed to reduce their freight rates from \$26 per ton in the previous five-year contract to about \$20. This was made possible thanks to the introduction of larger ships, capable of carrying between 50,000 and 60,000 tons each, replacing the old 30,000-ton carriers, which were more expensive to operate.

The ministry estimates that the

contract, which took many months to negotiate, will save the country \$30m. in freight charges.

Under U.S. law, American ships will carry the balance of 850,000 tons of grain annually, at double the freight rates charged by the Israeli companies.

"We tried very hard to get a reduction in the American rates too. But a U.S. official told me bluntly that with \$900 m. worth of U.S. aid a year, we will just have to shell out some millions of dollars to American shipping companies," Patai said.

Another Israeli firm, Dhalit-Rosenfeld, will carry 150,000 tons annually, under a separate contract that still has three years to go.

The general managers of El-Yam, Ya'acov Recanti, and of Zim, Yehuda Rotem, and members of their board signed for the companies.

Swiss bankers see recovery of gold prices

ZURICH (Reuters). — Gold has looked like one of the worst investments in the world for much of the past three years, but Swiss bankers foresee a gradual recovery in its price, beginning in the second half of 1984.

The metal surged to a peak of over \$850 per ounce for a few weeks of 1980, bringing fortunes overnight to speculators and reinforcing a longstanding belief that you cannot lose money with gold.

But few investments have fared worse since then. Not only does gold earn no interest or dividends, but those who bought it at that time have seen the value of their holdings more than halved.

In London gold was recently fixed at around \$376 an ounce — a price little changed, while the dollar's value has soared in recent weeks.

But most of the Swiss bankers

who trade here in one of the world's most important gold markets believe the worst may soon be over for the metal.

"The danger of a slump is now very slight," says Mathis Caballavetta of Union Bank of Switzerland. "The present trading range around \$380 may be its lowest point for some time."

But Arno Semadeni of Swiss Bank Corporation was ahead of the general opinion with his bold forecast of "a powerful recovery in the gold price in 1984."

The main reason for the gradual return of confidence is a belief that inflation will before long accelerate again, reviving gold's attraction as a hedge against paper money's loss of value.

The bankers also believe the dollar and U.S. interest rates must eventually fall from their present high levels, prompting a flow of capital out of American investments. Some of these funds can be expected to go into gold and push its price up.

Semadeni says the larger amounts of money which the Federal Reserve (U.S. central bank) has been pumping into the American economy in order to help recovery over the past 18 months, have created "an irreversible potential for inflation."

But Caballavetta thinks the effect will take a long time to work through. "A boom in gold prices could be brought about only by a rapid inflationary increase in inter-

U.S. trade deficit hits a record \$69.4b.

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. foreign trade deficit ballooned to a record \$69.4 billion last year, the government reported Friday. Officials predicted the deficit this year will be even worse.

The trade deficit in 1983 was 62 per cent higher than the record \$42.7 billion set just a year earlier.

For December, the deficit narrowed to \$6.3 b. from November's \$7.4 b., reflecting a 3.2 per cent decline in imports and a 2 per cent increase in exports.

But Commerce Department economist David Lund said Friday that the deficit for this year will continue to worsen. He predicted it will top \$100 billion, and may hit \$110 billion.

The poor trading performance of the U.S. is blamed primarily on two factors. The high value of the dollar makes U.S. exports expensive but imports relatively cheap. And the

U.S. economy is growing at a much faster pace than that of the rest of the world, resulting in brisker American purchases of overseas products while foreign buying of U.S. goods lags behind.

Many economists have blamed the dollar's high value on large U.S. budget deficits, which boost interest rates, encouraging foreigners to put their money in U.S. financial markets. This increases demand for dollars and pushes up exchange rates.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, who last week predicted a U.S. trade deficit of \$90 billion this year, said Friday after release of the 1983 figures that the level "could exceed \$100 billion."

Baldrige said that in 1984 not only will non-petroleum imports continue to rise but the U.S. oil bill will grow also as the country demands more energy to fuel the recovery from recession.

UK government won't prevent issuance of Reuters' stock

LONDON (Reuters). — The British government on Friday turned down demands in Parliament to intervene in the proposed flotation of Reuters, the world news organization.

Kenneth Baker, minister for information technology, said he accepted that there was public concern over plans to sell shares in Reuters on the stock market.

But the British government was not a shareholder and it had no

standing in the matter or power to intervene, he said.

Baker was responding for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to a motion by opposition Labour member Austin Mitchell calling on it to safeguard the independence and integrity of the agency, founded in London in 1851.

As is customary on a private member's motion, no vote was taken at the end of the debate.

Mitchell, a former television presenter, told the House of Commons that Reuters had become very profitable in recent years since it diversified into selling financial information.

He said the agency had now become "a tempting pot of gold" for the newspaper moguls with an existing stake in Reuters.

Reuters is owned by British, Australian and New Zealand newspaper interests and has been unofficially valued at £1 billion (\$1.4 billion).

Its operating profits soared from £4.1 million in 1980 to £36.5 million in 1982.

Exports to Lebanon about \$3m. a month

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's trade with Lebanon and Egypt is stable. It stands at some \$3 million worth of exports monthly to Lebanon and another \$3m. worth of indirect exports of goods from Europe transhipped through Haifa port. There is "virtually no trade" with Egypt, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patai told the press here last week.

Patai said that steady relations had been established with Lebanese merchants. A third border crossing point had been opened for their convenience at Biranit, in addition to the existing points at Metulla and Rosh Hanikra, he added.

Israel's purchases from Lebanon so far consisted of one shipment of Arak and a fairly steady supply of scrap iron to the steel mills in Yotvata.

Stock market announcements

Cla Trade announced last week that it was setting up a new affiliate, Cla International Barter, which will concentrate on exporting Israeli goods to various countries which will supply goods to Israel in exchange.

M.T.M. Options will be struck from the Stock Exchange listing today. The options can be redeemed for the last time on January 28.

Kopel Self-Drive announces that Shmuel Pilovsky and Eran Pilovsky (both interested parties in the company) have agreed to sell all or part of their shares to Shmuel Rosenberg (also of the same company). Eran Pilovsky will sell 2,781,041 ISI shares and 1,200,520 options to Rosenberg for \$220,000, and Shmuel Pilovsky will sell 5,559,540 ISI shares (out of the 6,929,540 he holds) and 2,697,300 options (out of the 3,382,320 he holds) for a total sum of \$189,000. These transactions must receive the approval of the Stock Exchange.

Modul Beton states that it has won a tender to erect buildings valued at \$3 million in Gush Segov. This \$3m. accounts for about 15 per cent of the firm's projected annual construction work.

Jerusalem Oil Exploration Ltd. (J.O.E.L.) announces officially that the oil pool it has found near Arad constitutes about four million bar-

rels "of which only a part can be pumped out."

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries notes that its 20 per cent cash dividend (from which 6.2 per cent will be withheld for taxes) will go "ex" on February 2 and payment will be made on February 16.

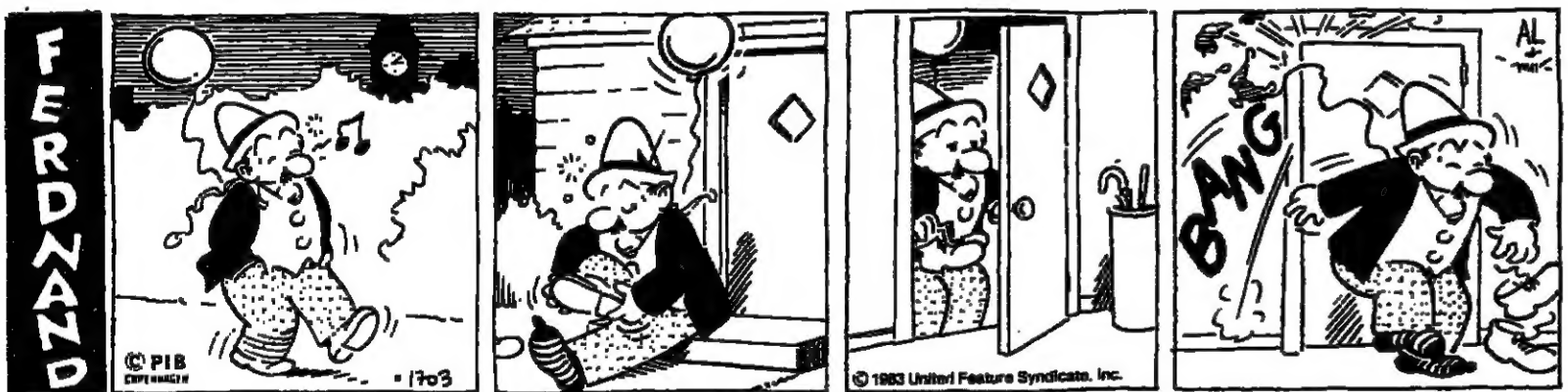
Solel Boneh informed the stock exchange that together with A. Arenson of Haifa it will build the electric power station which is to rise near Ashkelon and which will have two 550 megawatts units. The firms will participate equally in the project.

The first stage, which will cost about \$19m., should be completed in about two years, and the entire project within five years. Solel Boneh did not announce the date on which work would begin, but stated that some 5,000 tons of steel and 24,000 tons of cement would be used in the project. Both companies will employ 150-200 workers, who will work in shifts to meet the projected deadlines.

LONDON BANK RATES

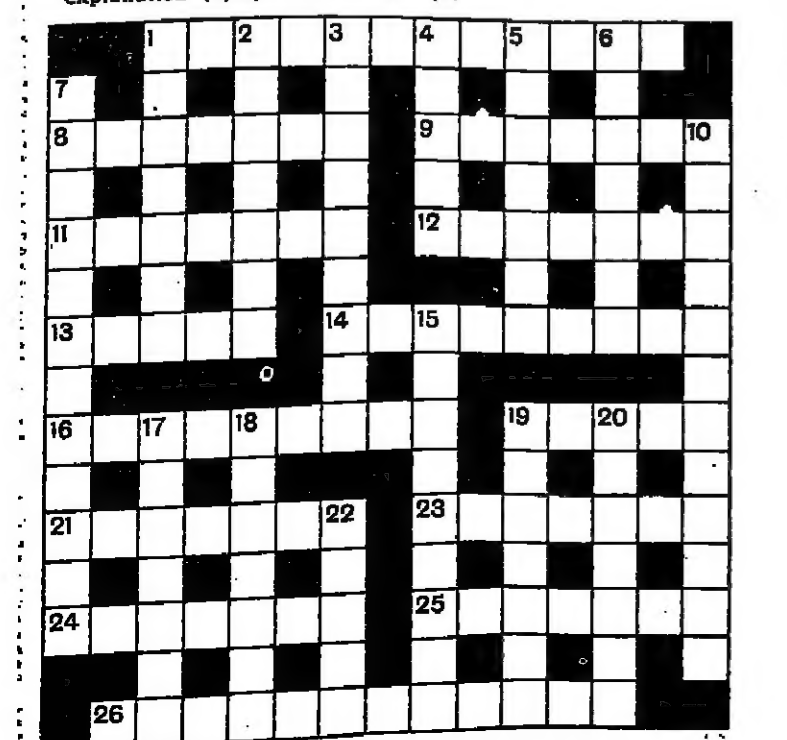
January 27, 1984	Prev.	Close
Bank base rate	9	9
Call money	9 1/4	9 1/4
91 days Treasury	8 1/4	8 1/4
3 month interbank	9 1/4	9 1/4

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ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 A tossed-off air from 'Car men?' (8, 4)
 - 6 Elizabethan tellers gave it priority for naval defences (3-4)
 - 9 The devil of a motive crew for example (7)
 - 11 One of those who may have taken little pizze to market (7)
 - 12 & 13 A bargain proposed by a particular constable? (7, 5)
 - 14 String-puller's instruction to let nothing slip out of the bag (4, 5)
 - 16 Would be master of course shifting unusual care beside, shifting shore (9)
 - 19 A publication for children (5)
 - 21 Bill was thus established (7)
 - 23 Quiet one in patchwork coat, a pudding type (7)
 - 24 As giddy as a joy-ride prior (7)
 - 25 Dante's English revision for where Londoners speak Cockney (4, 3)
 - 26 A knotty yarn for which there may be no earthly explanation (7, 5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Strip cartoon? (4-3)
 - 2 Ruots out royalty and finds something to crow about (7)
 - 3 Append a clause or 16 won't get a place (3, 1, 5)
 - 4 Modern Arab camel or Old English ass makes for them (5)
 - 5 Old tempter and old music-maker (7)
 - 6 No nightjar—or anything else, apparently (7)
 - 7 Enlarge dictionary interest yearly initially so write your own clue for this (2, 2, 8)
 - 10 Be in a position to do a deal and win hands down (4, 3, 5)
 - 15 Watchful state when there's danger warning overhead (9)
 - 17 Giving help to the needy but being cautious about it (7)
 - 18 It means the chopper for cheat squirming in high tension situation (7)
 - 19 I'm past nothing, not even laying the paint on! (7)
 - 20 Inclined to a little precipitate action? (7)
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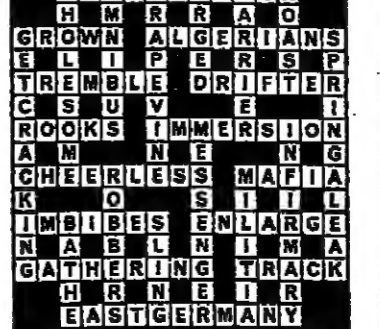
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Bank of Israel exchange rates

January 27, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	122.85
British sterling	172.60
German mark	43.669
French franc	14.266
Dutch guilder	38.803
Swiss franc	54.836
Swedish krona	15.072
Norwegian krone	15.601
Danish krone	12.034
Finnish mark	20.687
Canadian dollar	98.513
Australian dollar	112.16
South African rand	97.095
Belgian franc (10)	21.376
Austrian schilling (10)	61.963
Italian lire (100)	71.643
Japanese yen (100)	52.453
Irish pound	135.20
Spanish peseta (100)	77.289
Jordanian dinar	323.10
Lebanese lira	20.820
Egyptian pound	107.80

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Sports

Goal feast in league as buoyant Betar stretch lead to five points

By PAUL KOHN
and YARON KENAN

Buoyant, beautiful Betar, here there and everywhere.

Whatever residual doubts there might have been about Betar Jerusalem's ability to transfer their mastery from away from home to the awkward precincts of their squalid Jerusalem home ground were erased in style during 45 minutes at the YMCA pitch yesterday afternoon.

They turned on a dramatic first half performance to beat Shimshon 2-0 while their erstwhile rivals Hapoel Tel Aviv showed themselves increasingly suspect and were held to a goalless draw by lowly Jaffa. This boosted Betar into a clear five point lead at the top of the National League football table on a day when a season-high 27 goals were scored in a frenzy of sharp shooting that brought the season to the half-way mark in style.

Things were not always scintillating at the "Y" but there was a generous helping of slithering, sliding fun on the greasy surface as Shimshon were outplayed by Betar's breathtaking versatility during the first period. They always had two to three men challenging for the ball, outmaneuvered their visitors in midfield and sprayed passes about for their fast running forwards with the skill and elegance that has become a hallmark.

The opening goal served Shimshon a sad lesson on why it is always so important to play only to the referee's whistle. A through pass to Eli Ohana was signalled offside by the linesman. Referee Arye Frost, however, well positioned, over-ruled him and waved play on. In the momentary hesitation Shimshon were sunk. The live-wire forward gave them no chance to recover their breath, sped away from Attiya's shadow and hammered a low left-footer which beat the despairing Balash's dive.

Once they had recovered their composure from a heated three-minute debate with Frost, the set-back spurred Shimshon on to greater things. But in a highly competitive engagement that occasionally, but understandably, became a trifle over combative Betar held away all along.

Balash was awfully brave diving persistently at Betar feet but he was powerless with their second goal, scored just before the turnabout.

Betar employed a pinball maneuver with the Shimshon posts; Malmilian was generously fed by Ohana and he steadied himself for a fierce drive. It rocketed back from the upright and with the Shimshon defence swimming like ducks upstream, Kirat hammered home off the other post.

Betar dozed for 25 minutes of the second half and all the old pressures of a fiercely demanding crowd began to tell. The warning bells of what might yet go wrong should their forwards fail to find the net early on in a home game sounded clear as noisily as any from the "Y" tower.

But fortunately for them this was not a day the Shimshon forwards



DAVID LAVIE — Yet another goal keeps Netanya on winning path. (IPPA)

will want to recall with great relish. David missed a priceless heading opportunity early in the second half, Shlomo Mizrahi was woefully weak with a shot from a perfect position and they generally never tested Suissa with any real effort.

Should Betar face a more courageous attack rather than one overawed by their past achievements their defence combined with the negative pressures of the fans, they could still be highly vulnerable. Towards the end they recovered their posture a little. Ohana jinxed his way through with a number of dazzling runs but upfront Schwartz, Malmilian and Ohana should really have sealed things with more goals.

They charged a ridiculously high 151,300 admission fee for the game but for the 3,000 faithful and the 3,000 more who swarmed through a broken down gate at halftime the display was good enough to warm the cockles of any Jerusalem heart and make up for the bitterly cold conditions and the dent in their pockets.

The less said the better about Hapoel Tel Aviv's miserable effort at Jaffa, but their old rivals Maccabi Tel Aviv were fairly good value nearby at Bloomfield where they came back twice to salvage a point against Beersheba.

Maccabi retained their third place, and went their ninth game without defeat. But it was a close thing as the visitors to Bloomfield from the Negev were in front twice. Motti Iwanir scored both Maccabi's equalizers.

After Efraim David had opened the scoring and Shalom Avitay put Beersheba ahead from close range until the late Iwanir second — his seventh goal of the season.

The quality game of the day came at an unexpected venue and was seen by fewer than 600 fans at Yahud. There the home Hapoel emerged 4-3 winners over pocky Yavne, who lost for the first time in ten outings. For Yavne, once considered goalless draw specialists, it was a second consecutive home game in which their forwards scored four goals.

In the third minute, Yehuda Dugach opened for Yehud. Thirty-seven year old Yoram Orenstein levelled in the 10th minute. Amir Lieberman and Hanan Rotman, of Kibbutz Metzger, catapulted Yehud into a 3-1 lead, but before halftime Meir Ben Shimon reduced the arrears. Uri Saliman made it 4-2 from the penalty spot and David Waknin clinched the final scoreline three minutes before the end.

Maccabi Netanya scored their fourth consecutive win, moving a smart four places up the league ladder to sixth spot. Betar Tel Aviv were the unlucky victims at the Hativva Quarter, going down by 2-1. David Lavie gave the visitors the lead with his 12th goal of the season, a header in the 30th minute.

The goal was actually against the run of play as Betar, led by the talented Nir Cohen, pressed in waves on Aris Alor's goal. Easily the best of the match, Alter, however, held the Netanya fort intact. In the 79th minute, Betar knew it was not their day when Nirman Cohen put the ball into his own net. Two minutes later, veteran defender Shraga Topolsky headed a consolation goal for Betar.

FA CUP: Ipswich crash and West Ham scrape draw

LONDON (Reuter). — First Division aristocrats Ipswich were left cursing the temperate climate in the south of the country when they were knocked out of the fourth round of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup yesterday.

The recent blizzards followed by a sudden thaw caused the cancellation of 15 of the 29 English and Scottish Cup ties, and Ipswich must now be wishing the snow had spread further south — at least as far as Shrewsbury. Gay Meadow has never been one of Ipswich's favourite venues — they lost there at the same stage four years ago — and the Second Division strugglers produced the surprise of the round again with a merited 2-0 victory.

High-flying Southampton and West Ham also suffered some embarrassing moments against second division opposition. "The Hammers," who have lifted the treasured trophy three times in the past 20 years, scraped a 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace while Southampton needed an injury-time winner to dispose of Portsmouth.

Ipswich, the 1978 Cup winners, had their dreams of Wembley shattered in the 72nd minute when Shrewsbury teenager Gary Hackett latched onto a loose ball 20 metres

out and lashed a swerving shot past goalkeeper Paul Cooper. Shrewsbury, quarter-finalists in 1979 and 1982, made sure of their place in the fifth round draw when substitute Colin Robinson added a second two minutes from time.

West Ham looked poised to join Ipswich, holders Manchester United, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa on the sidelines, when they trailed Palace 1-0 with just seven minutes remaining. But former Palace striker Dave Swift, who had squandered a series of gilt-edged offerings, saved their blushes when he headed home during a goalmouth melee.

Watford, in contrast, showed exactly how better opposition should be handled with a comfortable 2-0 win at Second Division Charlton. Scottish under-21 striker Maurice Johnston shot them ahead in the 19th minute — his 12th goal in 14 games since his transfer from Partick Thistle — and George Kelly put the result beyond doubt midway through the second half.

FA Cup Fourth Round:
Charlton 0, Watford 2
Crystal Palace 1, West Ham 1
Exeter 0, Gillingham 0
Oxford 2, Blackpool 1
Plymouth 2, Darlington 1
Preston 0, Southampton 1
Shrewsbury 2, Ipswich 0
Sunderland 1, Birmingham 2
Swindon 1, Blackburn 2
Tottenham 0, Norwich 0
All other matches postponed.
Playing today — Brighton v Liverpool.
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SHLOMO KIRAT — He got Betar's second goal. (Yisraeli)

National League
Betar Jerusalem 2, Shimshon 0
Maccabi Jaffa 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0
Mac. Petah Tikva 2, Be'er Yehuda 1
Hap. Yavne 4, Mac. Yavne 3
Ramat Amich 3, Mac. Haifa 2
Hakoh 2, Hap. Lod 1
Bet. Tel Aviv 1, Mac. Netanya 2
Mac. Tel Aviv 2, Hap. Beersheba 2

Standings, after 15 games:

	W	D	L	G	Pts.
Be. Jern	10	5	0	31:13	35
Hap. TA	8	6	1	23:10	30
Mac. TA	6	6	3	24:18	24
Mac. Haifa	6	4	5	20:16	22
Bet. TA	6	2	7	22:21	20
Netanya	5	5	5	23:24	20
Lod	5	5	5	15:17	20
Yavne	4	7	4	14:15	19
Yehud	5	4	6	18:20	19
Beersheba	5	4	6	18:19	19
Hakoh	4	6	5	17:15	18
Mac. PT	3	6	6	12:15	15
Amich	3	6	6	17:24	15
Jaffa	1	7	4	9:16	13
Be'er Yehuda	1	7	7	10:19	10

Second Division

	W	D	L	G	Pts.
Hap. Rishon LeZion 3, Hap. Jerusalem 3	9	2	2	22:12	31
Hap. Ashdod 0, Hap. Hadera 1	7	4	3	16:10	25
Kfar Sava 1, Hap. Ramat Gan 0	7	4	4	15:10	25
Bet. Shimshon 0, Kiryat Shimshon 2	7	4	4	15:12	25
Bet. Haifa 3, Upper Nazareth 1	6	5	4	22:13	23
Hap. Holon 0, Betar Ramat G.	6	5	4	19:10	23
Hap. Haifa 0, Hap. Petah Tikva postponed	6	5	4	20:20	21
Hadera	5	5	5	16:16	21
Hap. PT (14)	5	5	5	20:20	20
Rishon	4	6	5	15:17	18
Ashdod	4	6	5	15:17	18
Kfar Sava	6	5	4	19:10	23
Hap. Jern	3	6	6	20:20	21
Hap. Haifa	5	5	5	16:16	21
K. Shimshon	4	6	5	15:17	18
Marmaruk	4	6	5	15:17	18
U. Nazareth	3	8	4	13:17	17
Bet. Haifa	5	1	9	14:27	16
Holon (14)	3	6	5	13:16	15
Bet. Ramat	2	6	5	7:10	14
Bet. Shean	2	6	7	11:19	12
Bet. Shmshon	0	8	7	14:24	8

Patriotic ex-con

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter). — Police here have disclosed that three men have been arrested for stealing and melting down the Jules Rimet Cup, which had been held in perpetuity by Brazil after winning three World Soccer Cups.

The arrests resulted from a tipoff by an ex-convict who said he had been invited to participate in the theft of the cup from the Rio headquarters of the Football Association.

A police spokesman quoted the ex-convict as saying he refused to participate in the scheme "Since I'm proud of Brazil's World Cup victories, and also because my brother died of a heart attack the day Brazil won their third world title in Mexico."

Carl Lewis in amazing leap

NEW YORK (AP). — When Carl Lewis is "in control," as he says, he's hard to beat. When he's not, he's even tougher.

In the unaccustomed position of having to come from behind, Lewis finally made good in the sixth and last round of competition on Friday night to break his own world indoor best in the men's long jump at the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden here.

"The main factor was that I came from behind and jumped well when I had to," said Lewis, who shattered his own mark by a staggering 25.5 cm. to equal his best leap outdoors, when he soared 8.79 metres.

Lewis' spectacular performance came after desultory performances in the earlier five rounds. The 22-year-old, considered the most consistent long jumper in history and the 1983 world champion, surprisingly was in second place, trailing veteran Larry Myricks.

There has been only one better jump in history than Lewis' Friday night — Bob Beamon's 8.90 metres, in the rarefied high altitude air of Mexico City during the 1968 Olympic Games.

Besides shattering his two-year-old indoor record, the leap equalled Lewis' own best effort outdoors,

Joys and blues of the circuit

Post Sports Staff
and Agencies

Poland's Wojtek Fibak scored an unexpected fourth round victory over fourth-seeded Jimmy Arias to secure a place in the last four of the valuable U.S. Pro Indoor tennis tournament in Philadelphia.

The unseeded Fibak's 6-2, 7-6 victory set him up for a semi-final tie against John McEnroe. The other semi-final pits top seeded Ivan Lendl against Yannick Noah.

A disgusted and weary Johan Kriek, the world's 15th-ranked player, says he is contemplating leaving the professional tour for up to six months.

Kriek made his surprising announcement after he had lost to fellow-American Brad Gilbert 7-6, 6-2 in the third round of the \$375,000 event.

"I think I might quit for six months. I'm sick and tired of this. I'm sick of the travel, of the humdrum life," said Kriek, who was born in South Africa but is now a naturalized American.

"It's an incredibly stressful life. People think how glamorous a life it is, but it isn't," said Kriek, who played his first tournament at the age of 10 and left home at 12 to continue his tennis.

"It gets to a point where you grind your teeth and it's not fun. I've just got to go out and live like a normal person," said Kriek, who won the Australian Open in 1982 and 1983. Kriek mentioned a third round defeat by Robert Van't Hof at Wimbledon last year as the starting point of his growing disenchantment with the pro circuit.

Chris Evert Lloyd, Hana Mandlikova and Andrea Jaeger have joined Martina Navratilova in qualifying to compete in the \$500,000 Virginia Slims championships in New York at the end of February.

The richest tournament in women's tennis, the championships will offer the largest-ever first-prize purse — \$155,000 for a women's singles champion and will feature an innovative best-of-five-sets format for its singles final.

Perkis' pilgrimage

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's No. 2 tennis player Shahar Perkis, rated the local game's best prospect since Shlomo Glickstein, this week launches his career as a full-time professional when he takes part in ATP competition in Britain. Perkis, 21, and his 19-year-old team-mate and doubles partner Oded Ya'akov left for England last week, to play in a \$32,000 five-tournament satellite circuit, which gets under way tomorrow.

Perkis — now winding up his military service — plans to compete in at least 15 events during 1984, he told me. He is concentrating on the European circuit at first, and will try to qualify for both Wimbledon and the French Open this summer.

Having climbed 200 rungs up the ATP world singles rankings ladder since September, to attain his current 273rd place among the 1,000-odd competitors listed, Perkis has now set himself the ambitious target of finishing the year in the top 100 players. In doubles, the 1.94-cm tall Haifaite is 364th on the computer.



CARL LEWIS — another astounding leap. (UPI)

and he said later he feels that this year he can break Beamon's fantastic world record.

Lewis, who won three gold medals at the world championships in Helsinki last August, hopes to emulate Jesse Owens' 1936 feat of winning four gold medals in this year's summer Olympics.

"I think I can beat the world record outdoors this year and I also think I can jump 30 (9.15)," Lewis added. "I think I have a great chance of winning four Olympic gold medals."

West Indies squeak home

Post Sports Staff

The West Indies and Australia will meet in the three-match final of the World Cup cricket series. This after a thrilling one-wicket win for the West Indies over Pakistan in Adelaide yesterday.

Pakistan managed only 177-8 in their 50 overs (Wasim Raja 46) which on a good wicket seemed far from enough. But the West Indies started disastrously and continued badly. Only a gallant 56 not-out by Malcolm Marshall who had also taken three wickets and was named man-of-the-match saw them home in the final over. Abdul Qadir took 3-34 and Wasim Raja 3-33.

In Durban, England recovered from 61-5 to finish at 144-8 and then have Ottagio 20-1 at the end of the second day of their three-day fixture. The opening day was washed out.

In Port Elizabeth, the West Indies rebels are 180 for 8 after restricting South Africa to a first innings total of 277 in the last of their four-day unofficial Tests. Ken McEwan scored 120 for the Springboks with Sylvester Clarke netting five wickets for the tourists. Treisman made 43 and Beccus 40.

Maccabi Ramat Gan hoopsters — an unexpected source of pride

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As the basketball season enters the final stretch the heavy hand of reality begins — as it does regularly at this time of the year — to impose its will. The most talented combinations assume their rightful places at the top while the upstarts are relegated to the less enviable positions. The traditional pattern is being reflected in the National League but competition on the European front has produced one consistent and very welcome surprise, Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, the perennial champions, had as usual nurtured the fondest hopes of glory. They have, however, floundered badly and after their second successive away defeat, this time in Spain, on Thursday night have all but mathematically been eliminated from reaching the final.

Hapoel Ramat Gan, showing various elements of greatness, had looked a good prospect in the Korac Cup but they blew a 31-point bulge in their key match in Italy and found themselves sidelined until next year. Likewise, Hapoel Tel Aviv succumbed in the Cup Winners' Cup.

The residual hopes lie with the least fancied Israeli team, the ragtag bunch from Maccabi Ramat Gan.

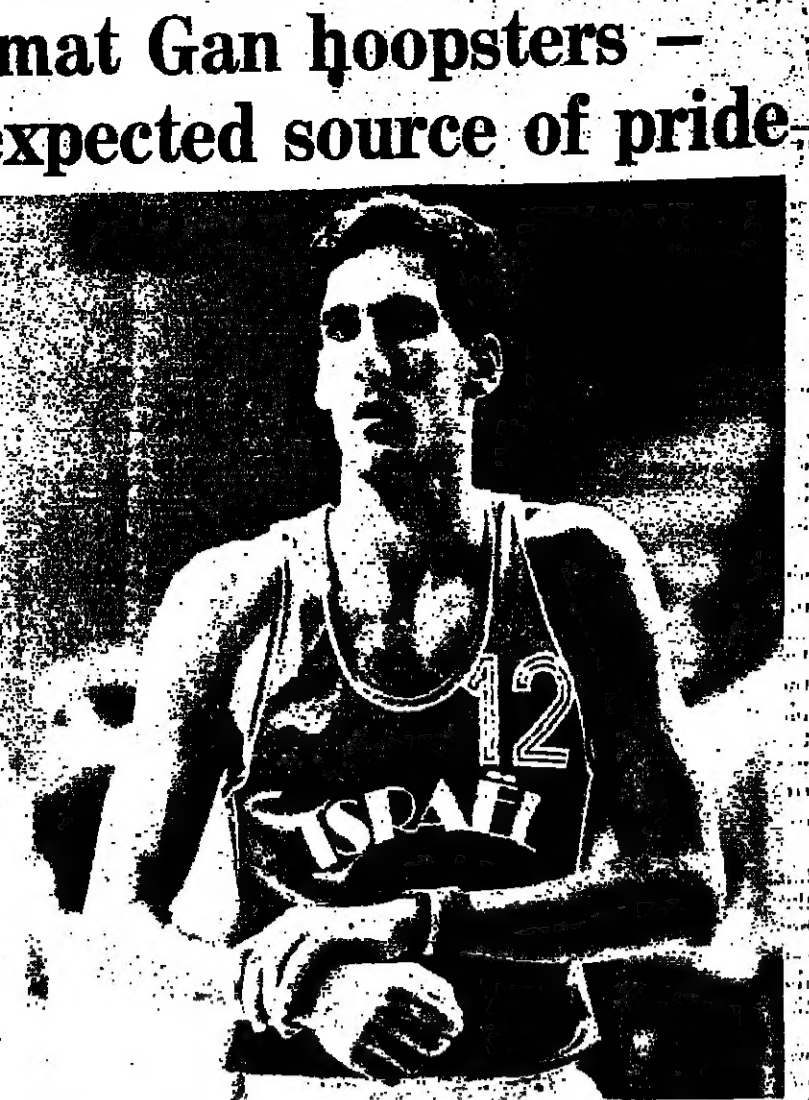
Having won their qualifying division in style they are now prettily positioned at the top of their quarter-final grouping and but one victory away from a coveted semi-final slot.

Even the most reliable experts were confounded when they secured an amazingly high third placing in the league last season. This uncharitable view seemed like it would be borne out in the present season where they will still be somewhat fortunate to grab a playoff place at the end of the regular games.

Ramat Gan lost their veteran coach Yehoshua Rozin to Hapoel Tel Aviv, replacing him with a young firebrand Rani Kahane whose record has until now, to say the least, been rather so-so. Hardworking Don Smith moved to Kiryat Motzkin and was replaced by Greg Cornelius, a player Maccabi were never sure they really wanted.

Doron Jamchee, the country's best pure shooter with perhaps the longest range of any offensive player in Israel or for that matter in Europe, doesn't play defence at all. Shmuel Zysman, besides being rather diminutive, didn't seem to possess the court savvy of his Hapoel Ramat Gan counterpart Avigdor Mosecovitz or the hustle of Maccabi Tel Aviv's Motti Aroesti.

Uri Ben-Ari looked little more than a tall version of Jamchee, with all his limitations and able to command less of a shooting range. It was difficult to see how Carl Amos, maybe the most unselfish and among the finest all-round



DORON JAMCHEE — A magical hand. (Ben Zion)

players in Israeli basketball fitted in with Maccabi's forte, their run and gun style. Added to all this their bench was highly suspect.

Success bred other problems. Ramat Gan's management laboured under serious financial difficulties — when they managed to work their way through to the Korac quarter finals they couldn't produce the necessary funding to send the team abroad. Their early achievement was almost frittered away before the national association bailed them out. Still the players' pay-cheques, when they come at all, invariably arrive late.

Yet no-one genuinely gave them a chance. Perhaps precisely because of that, the free spirits who call themselves Maccabi Ramat Gan — having nothing to lose and are riding so high. They reeled off three straight home court victories, results that were little short of staggering in that each of their opponents, with the possible exception of Crystal Palace, is on paper a considerably better team.

They finally lost, in Italy 10 days ago to Carera, but their single point victory over Palace in London last Wednesday has hoisted them into a tingling finale with Antibes. For financial reasons they have remained in Europe for Tuesday night's crucial game, this being cheaper than making two trips in and out of Israel.

The psychological dimension apart, what has accounted for their wonderful run? Coach Kahane has kept them mainly in close combinations to make up for the defensive deficiencies. Jamchee is well high

unstoppable and has regularly canned more than 30 points a game. Ben-Ari has been as effective over shorter range and Zysman never stops running. Amos and Cornelius consistently clear the boards against some of the best rebounders in Europe like Johnson of Antibes and Floyd Allen of Venice, and the bench has come through in a pinch.

Ignored by the fans when the season began, Maccabi Ramat Gan remain the last hope for real glory this season. If they can pull off another amazing result on the French Riviera they will be but one stop away from an incredible effort — a Korac Cup final match-up.

By regardless of whether they win against Antibes on Tuesday, Israel has again earned the right to walk tall on European basketball horizons. This season, that feeling has been engendered almost entirely by Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Korac cup standings

	P	W	L	Pts.
Mac. Ramat Gan	5	4	1	423
Antibes	5	4	1	386
Venice	5	2	3	412
Crystal Pal.	5	0	5	362

Champions cup

Barcelona 94, Mac. TA 75
Bosna Sarajevo 86, Banco Roma 77
Limagos 108, Canto 118

	P	W	L	Pts.
Canto	5	4	1	426
Barcelona	5	4	1	438
Bosna	5	3	2	441
Roma	5	2	3	394
Limagos	5	1	4	462
Mac. TA	5	1	4	414

This week's Schedule

(Home club first)

MONDAY: National League — Upper Galilee v Mac. Haifa; Betar TV v Holon; Mac. Ramat Gan v Kiryat Motzkin; Mac. TA v Hap. TA; Hap. Haifa v Afula Hamei.
TUESDAY: Korac Cup in France-Antibes 3 v Mac. Ramat Gan.
THURSDAY: Champions Cup — Mac. TA vs Carera (65-74) Bosna v Barcelona (83-102).
SATURDAY: National League — Mac. Ramat Gan v Hap. Ramat Gan.

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For Kohl to ponder

HELMUT KOHL, the second governing chancellor of West Germany to visit Israel, goes back today in the knowledge that, despite the historic shadow that hangs over relations between the two countries, Israel — the unofficial no less than the official — is willing to see a strengthening of the bridge between them.

At the same time, Mr. Kohl must also be going back with the awareness that this bridge cannot be a drawbridge, to be raised at convenience when ships must pass that carry arms to countries in a state of war with Israel, or when other "vital interests" of the day are deemed by Bonn important enough to interrupt or divert the traffic with Israel.

If nothing else has impressed Mr. Kohl and his entourage during this visit, then it should be the fact that it was a moral, not a material, issue — the prospective arms deal between West Germany and Saudi Arabia — that was the main topic of his discussions with Israeli leaders.

It is a moral issue because no one in Israel believes or argues that Israel's security will be jeopardized by German arms more than by those of any other provenance, and no one in this country believes that Saudi Arabia will not be able to obtain all the arms that petrodollars can buy in any part of the world.

It is not a material issue and was not discussed as such. The Chancellor was not pressed to grant Israel compensation of some sort for the proposed Saudi deal. For Germany that would have been a cheap price to pay for Israeli acquiescence in Bonn's entry into the Middle Eastern arms market.

If Israel has stopped short of such *realpolitik*, that should give Mr. Kohl food for thought on his way back home. He has, while here, spoken in moving words of his country's historical responsibility towards Israel. He should now, even at this late stage, show that there are acts of omission as well as commission that are entailed by that responsibility.

Out of the mouths of babes

IN ISRAEL'S political community, Mattityahu Shmuelevitz is known as a rather ineffectual director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. His appointment, by Mr. Begin, was an award for loyalty, not merit. His role and influence is limited. It does not include articulating policy, certainly not strategic policy.

That made the surprise all the greater yesterday when it was reported that he had said, in an interview to a prestigious German newspaper, that if Bonn went ahead and sold its advanced Leopard tanks to Saudi Arabia, Israel might have to initiate a pre-emptive strike against that country.

Israelis may know that Mr. Shmuelevitz should not be taken seriously. But his words made headlines not only in Germany. And in chancelleries around the world it could be legitimately assumed that the director-general was voicing the position of his prime minister. Was that Mr. Shamir's intention? Did he wish to suggest that he would take Israel to war against Saudi Arabia — the chief strategic interest of the West and the U.S. in the Middle East?

The prime minister, it must be assumed, would not be so ludicrous.

Yet why was Mr. Shmuelevitz permitted to give an interview in the first place on a subject beyond his competence? Surely, the fact of the interview had Mr. Shamir's prior approval. Perhaps the prime minister even told his aide to be tough on the Leopard issue, but did not anticipate Mr. Shmuelevitz's capacity to bungle the task.

Warnings of pre-emptive strikes are not facily made by governments that understand statecraft, no matter how the warning is packaged. If not seriously intended, they provoke ridicule. If seriously intended, they must be credible, in time and place.

Mr. Shmuelevitz succeeded grandly on the first count. To safeguard his own and his government's credibility, Mr. Shamir should dissociate himself from his director-general's blundering.

KOHL MEETING

(Continued from Page One)

diplomatic relations with Israel before it is admitted to the European Economic Community. This was one of the issues raised by the Israeli side in last week's talks with Kohl and his delegation.

As to Kohl's reference in his Tuesday dinner speech to the Palestinian right to self-determination, Mertes stressed that in Bonn's view the recognition of this right must be linked directly to a peace solution with Israel.

Meanwhile, Shamir told the West

German newspaper *Welt am Sonntag* that Jerusalem has warned the Bonn government that Israel can only anticipate a dangerous situation if the Saudis receive West German weapons, saying that such sales would have "most serious consequences." The prime minister said: "We don't want Jewish blood to again be spilled by German arms."

As reported earlier, the Social Democratic opposition in West Germany has sharply criticized the government for its intention to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia, and opposition leader Hans Jochen Vogel has written Kohl a letter appealing for a "hands-off" policy by Bonn, with no sales of arms to either Israel or the Arab states.

Individual members of Kohl's coalition are also known to be opposed. Although the government is not obliged to bring the matter to the Bundestag, a parliamentary debate may enable the Bonn government to back out of the arms sales, despite the Jeddah declaration of last October in which West Germany agreed to establish military cooperation with the Saudis.

Correction

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DAMASCUS. — EIGHTEEN months after a costly military defeat by Israel, Syria is stronger militarily and politically, and more stable domestically, than it has been for decades.

With a combination of ruthlessness, pragmatism and skilled political maneuvering, President Hafez Assad has nearly brought the Lebanese government to heel, grabbed a chunk of the PLO, and watched comfortably as both Israel and the United States waded deeper into the violent swamp of Lebanon.

At home, Assad has crippled, if not crushed, political opposition. Syria's economy is faltering seriously, but the fruits of a decade of rapid economic progress and Assad's heavy-handed secret police organizations have prevented the problem from developing into a political one.

"Despite the oppression, the police state, Assad has fairly broad support," one western diplomat here commented. "People were nervous when he was sick; they were afraid of the contest for power if he died. Most Syrians are much better off economically than they were 20 years ago. That's something no one should forget. They have no political rights, but no one is starving."

Like all those interviewed, the diplomat refused to be identified.

THE RULING Ba'ath Party took power in 1963. The socialist-oriented party launched a programme of agricultural reform and economic development, but internal conflicts and several coups prevented rapid progress until Lt. Gen. Hafez Assad's coup in 1970.

With a measure of political

stability, Syria's annual economic growth reached an average of more than 15 per cent, despite the massive economic destruction of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. That growth continued until recently, when dropping oil prices and regional political conflicts triggered by Syria's hard-line stands began to dry up the massive amounts of aid from other Arab countries, which had reached up to \$1.5b. a year.

Today, Syria's major cities, including 4,000-year-old Damascus, are surprisingly modern-looking. In the capital, broad avenues are lined with attractive stone houses and new commercial buildings. Nightclubs and western restaurants are busy until 3 or 4 a.m.

The ancient central market in Damascus is one of the most famous in the Middle East. Set in a crowded tangle of alleys in the old part of the city, hundreds of small shops sell Damascus embroidery, silk, copper pots and silver and gold jewelry.

AMONG THE crowds of tourists can be seen hundreds of Iranians dressed in jalabiyas, their women wearing black chadoors.

Syria is the only Arab country to back Iran strongly in its war with Iraq, despite what would seem to be irreconcilable differences in outlook. Nominally a Moslem state,

ISRAEL is a country where the past is forever present. And the past is a heavy burden to carry, not only for the individual, but for the whole nation. If ever there were a people and a nation with a collective traumatic experience, this is it.

Every year, the sirens wail all over the country. Traffic comes to a halt. Schoolchildren stand to attention, as do the people in the street — and we remember. We remember the six million of our people killed during the Holocaust. And many of us see some special faces, people once close to us, now ashes scattered with the wind. To remember, that is all we can do for them. But it is much, because we can tell them that we survived — as individuals, as a people and as a reborn nation.

A week later, we pay tribute to all those who gave their lives in Israel's wars in order to preserve the Jewish people as a free and independent nation.

There is, of course, a link between those two memorial days. Never has this been clearer to me than during the present controversy over the visit to Israel by West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Both the organization of Holocaust survivors and ghetto fighters as well as political movements on the Right and on the Left have, on different grounds, protested against Kohl's visit.

BUT FOR me, the idea of young Israelis, born free into a free nation, dressed in concentration camp uniforms, for me that is "Hitler's triumph beyond the grave."

Let me explain this statement. Even I feel a slight uneasiness seeing the German national symbol — even if it is no longer the swastika. I shiver when I hear the tune of the old German national anthem, *Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles*. I can hear the goose-stepping and I half-expect the *Horst Wessel* song to follow.

But, when all is said and done,

READERS' LETTERS

REDEEMING JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I was more than somewhat puzzled by the headline of Michael Eilan's report of January 13, "Old City 'resettlers' aim at other property too." What do those sly quotes round "resettlers" portend? Does it mean they really don't want to resettle at all? There is evidently something phoney about the whole idea of Jewish resettlement in the Moslem Quarter which Mr. Eilan doesn't quite spell out. Perhaps the Atara Leyoshna and Ateret Cohanim people are really not in the business of resettlement but are planning to blow up the whole Moslem Quarter? Or maybe Mr. Eilan is signalling us that the plan is phoney because Jews don't belong to the Moslem Quarter at all and have no business to be there, so better call it colonizing or invasion or something of that sort. Well that can't be right either, because Mr. Eilan must know that there were often more Jews living in the "Moslem" Quarter than in the "Jewish" Quarter of Jerusalem. So perhaps the quotes signify that all Jewish "resettlement" is phoney, even in the Jewish Quarter itself. Or perhaps Mr. Eilan merely wants to tell us that there is something wrong with the idea because Mr. Teddy Kollek is against it and wants the High Court to put a stop to it. Those quotes really need some working out.

And then there is that word "too" in the headline! Jews are not just trying to get back Jewish property, but actually trying to buy land from Arabs. The nefariousness of such a scheme — seeking control of property in the Old City by actually buying it from Arabs!

Buying land from the Arabs in the Land of Israel (or Palestine, if you prefer) was always the way of Zionism. It used to be called redeeming the Land. There's another word around which Mr. Eilan puts his snide quotation marks. Just think what a medieval idea that is in this day and age — Jews wanting to "redeem" land in Jerusalem. It's like going back to Isaiah who said: "Break forth into joy and sing together, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem."

HAROLD FISCH
Jerusalem.

Inside Assad's Syria

By TERRY A. ANDERSON

Syria is firmly secular. Religious leaders are for the most part kept out of politics. There is almost no state enforcement of religious laws.

In fact, Assad is suspicious of Moslem fundamentalism, and did not hesitate to crush the Moslem Brotherhood when the Sunni group launched a guerrilla campaign against his government.

In February 1982, the Moslem Brotherhood sparked an uprising in the city of Hama, executing government officials and taking over part of the city. Assad sent in 12,000 troops. Much of the town was destroyed and more than 10,000 people are believed to have died.

Many Damascus Syrians fear fundamentalist contamination of local Moslems by the Iranians, and they are closely watched and restricted.

SYRIA UNDER Assad is a strict dictatorship. At least five major intelligence agencies keep close watch on its eight million people.

According to a recent Amnesty International report, thousands of people have been jailed without charge, and many tortured severely. Hundreds of people have reportedly been executed.

Secret police and special troops under the command of Assad's brother, Rifaat, operate virtually without check either in their official duties or in their private lives. They

may stop, search, arrest, beat or rob any ordinary citizen without fear of the consequences.

Corruption is widespread, but is often seen more as a means of circumventing restrictive laws and regulations than an evil to be uprooted.

THE COUNTRY'S continued heavy military involvement in Lebanon, unlike that of Israel and the U.S., causes little public comment. — partly because of the danger of criticizing the government, and partly because the Syrian army has fared well since its defeat by Israel in the summer of 1982.

While Israel's occupation army in Southern Lebanon is subjected to constant attacks and ambushes, the Syrian occupation army has been engaged in almost no ground fighting for more than a year, other than firing artillery support for its Druse and Shi'ite allies against the Lebanese Army and Christian militias, and backing rebel Palestinians in their successful civil war against Yasser Arafat.

Air and naval artillery attacks by the U.S. and the Lebanese Army have killed a number of Syrians, but with complete control of the local news media, the government has prevented such incidents from being publicized internally.

While Israeli soldiers in Southern Lebanon crouch behind their

machine-guns in constant fear of attack, for most Syrian soldiers, duty in the Bekaa Valley means long, boring days on guard duty, and a chance to buy tax-free cigarettes, liquor and consumer goods in the unregulated shops along the Beirut-Damascus highway.

WITH RELATIVE stability at home and little pressure on his army in Lebanon, Assad is in a commanding position in the region.

"The U.S. tried to ignore him in negotiating the May 17 agreement [regulating relations between Beirut and Jerusalem], by doing nothing except stirring up Lebanese opposition groups," said a western military expert here. "Assad has killed that."

The Syrians do not fear another outbreak of hostilities. After a \$2b. rearmament programme by the Soviet Union, the Syrian army and air force are both stronger than ever before. The 80 or more planes lost in 1982 have been replaced by newer models. Anti-aircraft systems have been beefed up with more and newer missiles, and ground defences have been strengthened.

"The Syrian army still cannot beat the Israelis, but it can hurt them, and that's all Assad wanted," said the expert.

The Syrians, whose main goals are to maintain their influence in Lebanon and the region and prevent Israeli influence from growing, need do nothing to accomplish these, he added.

"The Americans are being hurt. The Israelis are being hurt. The Syrians want a stable Lebanon, but they can afford to wait another year or two."

(Associated Press)

Am Yisrael Hai

By CORDELIA EDVARDSON

Members of Betar, the right wing youth movement, greeted the chancellor dressed in the striped garb of concentration camp prisoners.

I disagree with them vehemently. The expression "Hitler's triumph beyond the grave" has been used in the protest against Kohl's visit. (If Germany, of all nations, is selling weapons to Saudi Arabia, that would be "Hitler's triumph beyond the grave," it was argued.)

BUT FOR me, the idea of young Israelis, born free into a free nation, dressed in concentration camp uniforms, for me that is "Hitler's triumph beyond the grave."

Let me explain this statement. Even I feel a slight uneasiness seeing the German national symbol — even if it is no longer the swastika. I shiver when I hear the tune of the old German national anthem, *Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles*. I can hear the goose-stepping and I half-expect the *Horst Wessel* song to follow.

But, when all is said and done,

what matters is that Kohl is greeted not only with the German national anthem; he also had to stand to attention when the band played the Israeli anthem, *Hatikva*, in full view of the Israeli flag and its Star of David, once sewn to our clothing as the symbol of the outcast, a sign of shame and fear. Today, here, it is the symbol of strength, pride and independence.

By parading in concentration camp garb, the Betar youth presented themselves and the entire Jewish people as the eternal victims. I resent that. I may bear indelible scars in body and soul, but I don't intend to reveal them to the world — least of all to the Germans. That is the pride of the survivor. Hitler is dead — but I am alive. The Jewish people is very much alive in Israel.

Am Yisrael Hai. The people of Israel lives. Like the phoenix we rose from the ashes. That is the message we should give to Chancellor Kohl and the German people.

I AM a Holocaust survivor. But I am also many other things. My identity

also comprises my profession as a journalist for a Swedish newspaper, my role as the mother of three children and many other things.

My children are the children of a survivor, which gives them a special responsibility, but they are also a new generation, born free, proud of being Jewish and, in the case of my youngest son, proud of being an Israeli. Their German contemporaries are also a new generation, one which has no share in the guilt and the horror of the past. The fact that Jewish youth and German youth can meet today as equals is in no small measure thanks to the existence of the State of Israel.

But if we want to be equals, we shouldn't pose as victims.

The State of Israel and the Jewish people should behave like any other state and people. This is no easy task for my generation. But we should do everything in our power to make it possible for our children's generation. It is for them this state was built.

They should never forget the past, but they should live in the present.

sent. They should be neither victims nor become conquerors. They should grow up with the healthy self-confidence which is the result of belonging to the majority of the land in which they live. They should remember that self-confidence is not the same as arrogance, and that it is their responsibility to deal justly, respectfully and compassionately with the minority. And the lesson of their parents' lives, of those who were once strangers thrown on the mercy and pity of the majority in other lands, should help them to do just that.

Our children, the fruit of the land, should not have received the German chancellor and his party dressed like concentration camp survivors. They should have received him with the courtesy due to a guest in the land — their land.

I WASN'T at the demonstration. I didn't feel like it. But I know that the "Nazi" plan for the "final solution" came to nothing. Our children, here in Israel, should give a message to Chancellor Kohl and his party, loud and clear:

"We are the future of the Jewish people. We have not forgotten the past. But we live in the present. We are our parents' — our people's — triumph over Hitler beyond the grave. Beyond six million, unknown, unmarked graves."

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HADDAD'S DEATH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I find your headline of January 15, "Sadness and relief at Haddad's death," in extremely bad taste, analytically shallow, and very harmful to Israel.

Apart from the "relief" part of the headline, I object to the remark, "For despite or perhaps because of his unwavering loyalty, Haddad proved to be more of a hindrance than a help..." Such a remark coming a day after the death of this most loyal friend is like a slap in the face to Haddad and his family and also a hint that it does not pay to be a loyal and faithful friend to Israel.

Moreover, David Bernstein's comments are not sound. It was Haddad who successfully brought

the Shias into his militias in the South. His familiarity and knowledge of the mentality of the population of Southern Lebanon enabled him to do so, probably with much more success than if Israel had endeavored to do the same thing.

LUCY GOTTESMAN
Haifa.

The headline was a grotesque error, which, unfortunately, we cannot retrieve. The editorial position of The Jerusalem Post on Major Haddad's contribution to his country and to Israel was as stated in our leader "Haddad's Legacy," January 15, Ed. J.P.

FUR COATS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In her article "Fur ever and ever" (Life style — January 11) G.F.C. referred to the fur as "absolutely fabulous" and a "moral booster." Was she referring to the morale of the person, or the animal wearing the coat?

Obviously, a fur coat "can last a lifetime," since the mink and siberian silver fox are meant to wear it all of their lifetime. Jewish tradition, however, does not encourage wearing an article of clothing throughout a lifetime, for it is customary to bless someone who has acquired a new garment: "Mayest thou wear out this garment and acquire a new one."

"Mayest thou wear out this garment and acquire a new one." Shulhan Aruch continues this line.

"This blessing should not be said for the leather shoes or for a garment made of leather..." because "to acquire a new garment like this requires the killing of a living being and it is written: 'His mercy is upon all His work' (Psalm 145)."

Although killing for meat was permitted in the Torah as a concession to man's weakness, hunting and wearing leather has been condemned in the Talmud and the Torah recites many laws pertaining to humane treatment of animals. Our meat-consuming and fur-wearing society has apparently never learned this basic lesson.

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